Cyber Bullying: A Challenge in Young People's Lives

I have experienced cyber bullying before ...

- 17% as offender
- 42% as bystander
- 10% as parent
- 30% as victim

Do victims know, who is behind an attack?
- 12% no answer
- 30% yes
- 43% they suspect somebody

What effectively helps against cyber bullying?

- 78% getting help from friends
- 71% getting help from parents
- 70% block offenders
- 64% getting help from teachers
- 59% report offenders
- 18% bully back
- 17% do nothing/wait until it is over
- 12% ask offenders to stop bullying

What unpleasent situations did young people experience online?

- being insulted and offended 48%
- ghosting 46%
- lies and false rumors 41%
- identity theft via fake profiles 37%
- creepy direct messages 37%
- intimidation 33%
- reporting online did not help. 33%
- 43% everybody looked away and did not help.
- 33% teachers did not take a situation seriously.
- 22% parents blamed their kids.

At the date of survey taken:

- 3% as victim
- 2% as offender
- 12% as bystander

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Girls notice cyber bullying more often than boys do.

Who is more likely to become victim vs. offender?

Girls experienced
- 52% ghosting
- 43% receive embarrassing messages
- 39% identity theft by fake profile
- 35% profile being hacked
- 22% threatened by violence
- 20% online extortion
- 16% spreading nudes

Boys experienced
- 38% ghosting
- 30% receive embarrassing messages
- 34% identity theft by fake profile
- 25% profile being hacked
- 25% threatened by violence
- 12% online extortion
- 13% spreading nudes

Neither girls nor boys
- 9% both equally

34% only girls

25% only boys

12% no answer


during pandemic times

Cyber Bullying

Has increased

30% being deliberately distracted from classroom activities

23% being excluded from relevant school information

22% being mocked in online classes

84% have received information

online survey, 11-17 year olds from Austria, n=400, Dec. 2021