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LGBT Bullying

What Is A Bully?



- Types of bullying can be physical, verbal, social or online.
- Physical bullying involves hitting, shoving, pushing, tripping, and other kinds of force.
- Verbal bullying involves hurtful comments, name-calling, teasing.
- Social bullying involves using relationships to hurt someone.
- Cyberbullying involves use of electronic communication to send hurtful, mean or intimidating messages.

Bullying LGBT People

Bullying people that are LGBT can also be bullied by 'outing' and incorrect use of pronouns.

- **Outing** is when a bully may tell other people that a person is LGBT.
- **Incorrect use of pronouns** is when people purposefully use incorrect pronouns to bully people. For example: calling a trans person 'she' when they identify as male and have specifically asked people to call them 'he'.



The Impact

- Bullying has a lot impact on the well-being, actions and aspirations of LGBT students. Seven out of ten students who have experienced homophobic bullying say it has had an impact on their schoolwork; half say they have skipped school to avoid bullies. In some cases, the exclusion of LGBT people from the curriculum, and the reinforcement of negative messages around sexual orientation and gender identity, can severely affect self esteem.



Statistics

- More than half (55%) of lesbian, gay and bi young people experience homophobic bullying in Britain's schools.
- 99% hear the phrases 'that's so gay' or 'you're so gay' in school.
- More than half (53%) of lesbian, gay and bisexual young people are never taught anything about lesbian, gay and bisexual issues at school.
- Nine in ten secondary school teachers say students in their schools are bullied, harassed or called names for being – or perceived to be – lesbian, gay or bi.

- Three quarters of trans young people say they have experienced name-calling and 28% have experienced physical attacks.
- 32% of trans young people say they have missed lessons due to discrimination or fear of discrimination.
- 27% of trans young people have attempted suicide.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=B-G4vA6TsX4>

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