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Crime Prevention Corner

Cyberbullying

Cyberbullying occurs when someone engages in offensive, menacing or harassing behaviour using technology, by undertaking deliberate, repeated behaviour with the intent to cause harm. It can happen to people at any age, anytime, and often anonymously. This can be done by an individual or a group you may or may not know. Cyberbullying may involve 'trolling', abusive language, intimidation, threats and humiliation. It is challenging as most people have 24/7 direct access to mobile phones and the internet.

What can you do if you become a victim of cyberbullying?

- Collect evidence like taking screenshots and copying the URL (web address).
- Report the cyberbullying material to the social media service it's posted on.
- If the content is not removed within 48 hours, report it to the Office of the Children's eSafety Commissioner (www.esafety.gov.au).
- If you are over 18 the incident can be reported to your local police and Australian Cybercrime Online Reporting network (ACORN) (www.acorn.gov.au).

What can you do about cyberbullying? Don't Start It! Cyberbullying is NEVER acceptable.

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