

Cyberbullying Research Guide

Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on cyberbullying. The act of cyberbullying is “intentional aggressive behavior toward another person performed through electronic means, especially for the purposes [of] intimidation, degradation, and humiliation; specifically, the abuse, coercion, harassment, or threatening of another person through electronic media, such as computer websites, e-mail, and text messages.” (*Black’s Law Dictionary, 11th ed.*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov

Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code

- Ch. 129A Relief for Cyberbullying of Child
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/html/CP.129A.htm>

Texas Education Code

- §37.0052 Placement or Expulsion of Students Who Have Engaged in Certain Bullying Behavior
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/html/ED.37.htm#37.0052>
- §37.0832 (David’s Law) Bullying Prevention Policies and Procedures
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/html/ED.37.htm#37.0832>

Secondary Resources in Print

Cyberbullying Law KF 2846.J33

- Ch. 2 Due Process in School, Juvenile, and Family Cases
- Ch. 6 The Fourth Amendment: Search and Seizure Including Devices
- Ch. 7 Family Court and Cyberbullying Issues

Online Resources

Texas Bullying Laws (Texas School Safety Center)
<https://txssc.txstate.edu/videos/bullying-and-the-law/>

Form: Sworn Application and Petition to Stop Cyberbullying (TX Courts)
<https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1454820/229074.pdf>

What is Cyberbullying (StopBullying.gov)
<https://www.stopbullying.gov/cyberbullying/what-is-it>

Bullying in Texas Schools (State Bar of Texas)
<https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=articles&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=51964>

Cyberbullying (Texas Law Help)
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/cyberbullying>

Texas Bullying Laws (Texas State Texas School Safety Center) <https://txssc.txstate.edu/videos/bullying-and-the-law/>

Coordinated School Health – Bullying and Cyberbullying (TEA) <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/coordinated-school-health/coordinated-school-health-bullying-and-cyberbullying>

Cyber Safety (Texas Attorney General)

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/cyber-safety>

Article: The Dangers of Doxing and Swatting: Why Texas Should Criminalize These Malicious Forms of Cyberharrassment (St. Mary's University)

<https://commons.stmarytx.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1119&context=thestmaryslawjournal>

Support Organizations

Connect Safely

<https://connectsafely.org/>

David's Legacy Foundation

<https://www.davidslegacy.org/>

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

(888) 333-2377

<https://afsp.org/>

Mental Health America

(800) 969-6642

<https://mhanational.org/>

National Runaway Safeline

(800) 786-2929

<https://www.1800runaway.org/>

Trevor Helpline for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth

(866) 488-7386

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

Legal Assistance

Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>
- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up
<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service: 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)