

# Flaming

Online fights using electronic  
messages  
with angry and vulgar language.

# Harassment

Repeatedly sending offensive, rude  
and insulting messages.

# Cyberstalking

Repeatedly sending message that include threats of harm or are highly intimidating; engaging in other online activities that make a person afraid for his or her safety.

# Denigration

“Dissing” someone online. Sending or posting cruel gossip or rumors about a person to damage his or her reputation or friendships.



# Exclusion

Intentionally excluding someone from an online group, like a “buddylist” or a game.

# Trolling

Intentionally posting provocative messages about sensitive subjects to create conflict, upset people, and bait them into “flaming” or fighting.

# Impersonation

Breaking into someone's account, posing as that person and sending messages to make the person look bad, get that person in trouble or danger, or damage that person's reputation or friendships.

# Outing and trickery

Sharing someone's secrets or embarrassing information online. Tricking someone into revealing secrets or embarrassing information, which is then shared online.



# Friending

The act of requesting another person to be your friend( and thereby formally connect with you) on a social networking Web site (like Myspace or Facebook)

# Bash board

Online bulletin board on which individuals can post anything they want. Usually hateful things about a person.

# Netiquette

"Network etiquette." The unofficial rules of accepted, proper online social conduct.

Happy slapping

An extreme form of bullying where physical assaults are recorded on mobile phones or digital cameras and distributed to others.



# Trickery

Talking someone into revealing secrets  
or embarrassing information, then  
sharing it online.

# Cyberstalking

Repeated harassment that includes threats of harm or that is highly intimidating and intrusive up on one's personal privacy.

# Anonymizer

An intermediary Web site that hides or disguises the IP address associated with the Internet user. Generally, these sites allow a person to engage in various Internet activities without leaving an easily traceable digital footprint.

# DIGITAL CITIZENSHIP

The value of taking responsibility for yourself and your actions, and of treating others with an appropriate standard of behaviour online.



# DIGITAL FOOTPRINT

A trail of data you create while using the Internet. It includes the websites you visit, emails you send, and information you submit to online services.

# Cookie

A file on a computer that records the user information when visiting a website.

# Offender

The one who instigates online social cruelty. Also known as the "aggressor."

MMORPG

"Massively multiplayer online role-playing game." A game in which large numbers of individuals from disparate locations connect and interact with each other in a virtual world over the Internet.



# Sexting

Cell phone, computer and other mobile device users—often teens and ‘tweens’—create and exchange provocative messages and nude, sexual images of themselves using their cell phone’s built-in digital camera and text messaging capabilities.

# Grooming

Refers to the techniques sexual predators use to get to know and seduce their victims in preparation for sexual abuse.