

LEGAL DEFINITIONS AND RELEVANT STATE LAWS

Below are definitions and resources to help foster a better understanding of a few of the laws that support our children and victims of online crimes. If your student is in immediate danger, dial 9-1-1.

UNDERSTANDING LAWS OF ONLINE CRIMES...

Cyberbullying:

When an individual or group engages in the abuse of power and/or control to purposefully inflict harm on another via electronic means. Cyberbullying incidents for which schools can assign discipline are no longer limited to those occurring during the school day, at school-sponsored activities or on school-issued devices.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=010500050K27-23.7>

Cyberstalking:

When a perpetrator uses electronic means to harass a victim.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/documents/072000050K12-7.5.htm>

Electronic Dissemination of Indecent Visual Depictions Between Minors (Sexting):

Refers to sending sexual images and sometimes sexual texts via electronic devices.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/documents/070504050K3-40.htm>

Non-Consensual Dissemination of Private Sexual Images (Revenge Porn):

When an individual intentionally distributes an image of another person engaged in a sexual act or whose intimate parts are exposed. Note: the victim must be 18 years or older and be able to prove the offender should have reasonably known the victim would not consent to the image(s) being distributed. The offender can be a minor.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/publicacts/fulltext.asp?Name=098-1138>

CHILD SEXUAL EXPLOITATION TERMS:

Grooming:

When an individual knowingly attempts to lure, entice or seduce someone believed by the person to be a child in unlawful sexual conduct.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=072000050K11-25>

Indecent Solicitation of a Child and/or Online Enticement:

The persuasion of a child by another individual via the Internet to engage in sexual activity.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=072000050K11-9.1>

Child Pornography:

The depiction of a child's sexual assault in images and or videos.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=072000050K11-23>

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/documents/072000050K11-20.1.htm>

Sextortion:

When a victim is coerced into sending sexually explicit images or videos of themselves to an individual threatening to publicly post or send previously obtained images to the victim's friends and family.

<http://www.ilga.gov/legislation/ilcs/fulltext.asp?DocName=072000050K11-9.1>

To report possible child sexual exploitation,
make a CyberTipline report at www.cybertipline.com.