


Take a Stand

Use this activity to encourage children to take a stand against cyberbullying. You will need a roll of masking tape.

Use masking tape to mark a line down the center of the room. Explain to the children that one side means “Yes” and the other side means “No.”

 Now ask them: *If someone sends you an embarrassing picture of a classmate on your cell phone, would you send it to someone else? Move to this side if your answer is “yes,” and to this side if your answer is “no.”*

Let everyone answer, then ask someone who said “no” to convince those on the other side to switch sides and take a stand against cyberbullying. Continue with the remaining questions. If no one is on the other side, stand there yourself and ask them to convince you:

- *If someone posted a rumor about a classmate online, would you tell your best friend to check it out? (No)*
- *If someone set up a fake social networking profile for a classmate, would you report it? (Yes)*
- *If you knew someone’s IM password, would you log onto their account? (No)*
- *If someone posted rude comments on your social networking page, would you tell an adult? (Yes)*
- *If someone is being rude to you while gaming online, would you be rude to them? (No)*

Explain to the children that being mean or rude to others online is considered cyberbullying. Not only will they be hurting someone’s feelings, but they can also get in trouble at school or even be charged with a crime.

