

Trending Topics

Bullying

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Be Prepared For The School Year

Church Mutual is committed to helping you stay current on issues that directly impact your organization. In any school bullying and anti-bullying policies are two important issues your school will need to address.

Bullying affects kids in schools of every size and in every part of the country. Today, 49 states have anti-bullying laws in force ([see policies and laws in your state*](#)). In many cases, there are policies that specifically spell out how to deal with the problem. But it's also important that your school has its own policy in place — and that you enforce it. Doing so can make a meaningful difference in a student's personal and academic life.

*<http://www.stopbullying.gov/laws/index.html>

Build a safe environment

- Monitor hot spots where bullying may occur, like bathrooms or buses
- Promote open communication. Let students know that they can, and should speak up
- Start peer advocacy groups that build trust and peer support



Identify Bullying

- Repetition: a bully harasses his or her victim each time they are together
- Imbalance of Power: victims of bullies lose because the bully may be physically bigger, stronger or more aggressive
- Harmful Intent: the target of bullying is genuinely afraid because the bully has threatened him or her



Engage People

- Teachers should be prepared to step in and de-escalate a situation
- Parents have the power to deter bullying but they have to be engaged in activities with students
- Ask students to get active. Start groups, committees or clubs to promote engagement



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