

Middle School Students Ask About Sexual Harassment

What is Sexual Harassment?



any behavior that is sexual in nature that is:
unwanted - not liked, & occurs on a frequent basis
unwanted telephone calls, notes/letters/email
unwanted touching, grabbing, “panting”
unwanted teasing, sexual jokes, rumors

What if We’re Just Flirting?

flirting is welcome attention
sexual harassment is not wanted
flirting can make you feel flattered & attractive
sexual harassment makes you feel put down and ugly
flirting can go both ways
sexual harassment is one-sided

What’s the Big Deal?

sexual harassment isn’t just embarrassing
it can hurt a student’s: health, self-esteem, & grades

Why Do Kids Do It?

student sexually harass because:
of peer pressure
they think it’s funny
they think everyone does it
they don’t know it’s inappropriate



The Right to Feel Safe at School

Every Student has the right to feel safe at school. If someone is harassing you and you don’t feel comfortable telling them to “stop,” make sure you tell a teacher, counselor, or principal immediately. Your parents or other trusted adults could also help you. **DON’T GIVE UP!**

For FREE local help & information call: 1-888-91-TAASA

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