

# Cyberbullying Research Guide

## Overview

This research guide includes information and resources on cyberbullying. The act of cyberbullying is "intentional aggressive behavior toward another person performed through electronic means, especially for the purposes [of] intimidation, degradation, and humiliation; specifically, the abuse, coercion, harassment, or threatening of another person through electronic media, such as computer websites, e-mail, and text messages." (*Black's Law Dictionary, 11<sup>th</sup> ed.*) The resources listed below are not exhaustive and may not include the most up-to-date information. It is for information purposes only and should not be construed as legal advice or act as the substitute for legal counsel.

*Related guides: Juveniles and School Law*

## Statutes and Codes

Texas Statutes Online [www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov](http://www.statutes.capitol.texas.gov)

Texas Civil Practice and Remedies Code

- Ch. 129A Relief for Cyberbullying of Child  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/CP/htm/CP.129A.htm>

Texas Education Code

- §37.0052 Placement or Expulsion of Students Who Have Engaged in Certain Bullying Behavior  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm#37.0052>
- §37.0832 (David's Law) Bullying Prevention Policies and Procedures  
<https://statutes.capitol.texas.gov/Docs/ED/htm/ED.37.htm#37.0832>

## Secondary Resources in Print

### Cyberbullying Law KF 2846 .J33

- Ch. 2 Due Process in School, Juvenile, and Family Cases
- Ch. 6 The Fourth Amendment: Search and Seizure Including Devices
- Ch. 7 Family Court and Cyberbullying Issues

## Online Resources

Texas Bullying Laws (Texas School Safety Center)  
<https://txssc.txstate.edu/videos/bullying-and-the-law/>

Form: Sworn Application and Petition to Stop Cyberbullying (TX Courts)  
<https://www.txcourts.gov/media/1454820/229074.pdf>

What is Cyberbullying (StopBullying.gov)  
<https://www.stopbullying.gov/cyberbullying/what-is-it>

Bullying in Texas Schools (State Bar of Texas)  
<https://www.texasbar.com/AM/Template.cfm?Section=articles&Template=/CM/HTMLDisplay.cfm&ContentID=51964>

Cyberbullying (Texas Law Help)  
<https://texaslawhelp.org/article/cyberbullying>

Texas Bullying Laws (Texas State Texas School Safety Center) <https://txssc.txstate.edu/videos/bullying-and-the-law/>

Coordinated School Health – Bullying and Cyberbullying (TEA) <https://tea.texas.gov/texas-schools/health-safety-discipline/coordinated-school-health/coordinated-school-health-bullying-and-cyberbullying>

Cyber Safety (Texas Attorney General)

<https://www.texasattorneygeneral.gov/initiatives/cyber-safety>

Article: The Dangers of Doxing and Swatting: Why Texas Should Criminalize These Malicious Forms of Cyberharrassment (St. Mary's University)

<https://commons.stmarytx.edu/cgi/viewcontent.cgi?article=1119&context=thestmaryslawjournal>

## Support Organizations

Connect Safely

<https://connectsafely.org/>

David's Legacy Foundation

<https://www.davidslegacy.org/>

American Foundation for Suicide Prevention

(888) 333-2377

<https://afsp.org/>

Mental Health America

(800) 969-6642

<https://mhanational.org/>

National Runaway Safeline

(800) 786-2929

<https://www.1800runaway.org/>

Trevor Helpline for Gay, Lesbian, and Bisexual Youth

(866) 488-7386

<https://www.thetrevorproject.org/>

Cyberbullying Research Center

<https://cyberbullying.org/>

## Legal Assistance

**Legal Lines – Ask Attorneys simple legal questions (free service)**

- Tarrant County LegalLine Sign-up

<https://www.tarrantbar.org/>

- Dallas County LegalLine Sign-up

<https://www.dallasbar.org/index.cfm?pg=legalline>

**Tarrant County Bar Association Lawyer Referral Service:** 817-336-4101 (\$20 for the first 30 minutes)