

# Online bullying taking a toll on kids

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Bullies are found as much in cyberspace as on the playground, a survey found.

According to a study by Internet group MSN, more than 10 percent of British teenagers said they have been bullied online via instant messaging and e-mail.

Moreover, 44 percent of those surveyed said they knew of someone who had been bullied in cyberspace, while about one-third said bullies were actually hacking into the e-mail accounts of their targets.

Still, children are often reluctant to tell their parents or other adults about the threats they receive via IM or e-mail as they fear their access to those technologies may be curtailed or even taken away, which in turn would make them vulnerable to more harassment.

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