

Cyberbullying

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Abstract: The emergence and development of the internet has led to the changing world with a fantastic rhythm from day to day, abruptly changing the world view, forcing people to adapt their thinking and beliefs to new discoveries of technology, technology, innovation. However, the use of the Internet also presents certain problems, dangers to which young people are particularly exposed. There have been many situations in which young people (girls, boys) have been brought to borderline situations such as suicide.

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The excessive use of the Internet by young people today and not only has led to the emergence of new criminal phenomena, including cyberbullying. An apparently new phenomenon that helps computer criminals or pedophiles to fulfill both their fantasies and deviant behavior.

Cyberbullying is a current problem that derives from revolutionizing the way of socializing but also from the excessive exploitation of social networks such as Facebook, Whatapp, Snapchat or Instagram, an extremely common problem with very serious repercussions on the mental health of children.

According to the latest statistics cyberbullying has reached alarming levels, about 80% of adolescents have been harassed online at a moment's notice, victims of this phenomenon having too many weapons available to defend themselves.

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Before proceeding to the debate of this phenomenon spread all over the world but with a deficient legal framework in our country, being given too little attention both by the schools and the authorities. I think it is appropriate to present a definition that explains with the exactitude of this phenomenon:

“Cyberbullying represents different forms of psychological abuse perpetrated through harassment, transmitted through communication technologies, such as the Internet, mobile phones, wireless networks. These are acts of violence that are done to threaten, intimidate or insult the victims. They have a repetitive character that can be committed by both a single individual and a group of people.”

Starting from the definition presented, we can say that cyberbullying refers to traditional harassment only that everything manifests in another dimension, namely in the virtual environment. Cyber-harassment may contain threats, incitement to discrimination and hatred, blackmailing victims with various pictures or compulsory footage, and humiliating victims online. Many of the cases reported in the media show us that these attacks can have very serious repercussions on the victims, such attacks ending even with the death of those who fall prey to such attacks.

One such case with a great impact on the public is that of Amanda Todd, a teenager of American origin, who at the request of an anonymous person with whom she got in touch in the online environment exposed her intimate parts, later blackmailing her. with the fact that he will make those pictures public if he does not continue to submit.

When the abuser was hit by the victim's refusal, he decided to publish the compromising photos he had with him until that moment, which caused the victim in the next period to move from one high school to another, by from one city to another, to escape the shame caused.

Although the victim moved farther and farther from her harasser, he continued to threaten her and send the respective pictures to each high school. So the teenager started to get into depression, then became dependent on medication, started suffering from panic attacks and then self-destructed, so that despite the specialized help she was found hanged in her own apartment in the year. 2012. Unfortunately, Amanda's case is not unique.

The Main Effects of this Phenomenon are:

- Decreased self-esteem;
- Refusal to attend school;
- Emotional discomfort;
- Worse results in school;
- Depression;
- Siucidul.

Regarding Romania, compared to other European Union countries, in our country there is no legal framework that specifically regulates the facts that fall under the cyberbullying phenomenon, although we occupy a leading place at European level in what is about harassing children on the Internet. The explosion of this phenomenon on the territory of our country as well as the rest of the map is closely linked to the evolution of the Internet, introduced in Romania during the years 1991-1994 as well as the popularity of social networks among adolescents, which is why cyberbullying has transformed into - an increasingly difficult phenomenon to control in the territory of our country. The most recent study conducted by the Save the Children Romania Organization shows that 69% of the Romanian children were victims in such a situation. Regarding the legal framework, I can conclude that the content of cyberbullin can include criminal facts that make up both the constituent element of the offense of harassment art 208 of the New Criminal Code and also facts that can easily form the constituent elements of the criminal offense. child pornography art. 374 of the New Penal Code.

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