

GBG 4 Teens

Sexual Harassment

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Sexual Harassment is any unwelcome sexual behavior making a person feel uncomfortable. Sexual and gender-based harassment includes spreading sexual rumors, unwanted touching and homophobic name calling.

- Students in the 7th - 12th grade (RAINN)
 - 56% of girls and 40% of boys have experienced some type sexual harassment
 - 24% of boys and 35% of girls have experienced sexual harassment online.

Ways Teens Can be Sexually Harassed

Verbally - Making offensive jokes, comments, greetings, verbal teasing, or inappropriate name calling, including gender-based harassment. It is also considered verbal abuse if someone spreads sexual rumors or writes sexual graffiti on surfaces

Physically - Touching someone inappropriately or in a way that makes them feel uncomfortable, embarrassed or offended

Visually/Digitally - Making sexually offensive comments online or through text, or posting inappropriate photos or videos of a teen

Quid pro quo - A person in authority offers or suggests a student will be given something such as a better grade or a position on a team, in exchange for some sort of sexual favor.

If a Student Discloses Sexual Harassment Occurring At School

- Remember, what happened is *NEVER* the victim's fault
- If the potential "harasser" is an adult, contact Missouri's Child Abuse Hotline at 1.800.392.3738.
- Report the incident to the police and school officials. If the teen feels uncomfortable, offer to assist in reporting the incident(s).
- Ask the Title IX officer at school to explain to you and your child how to file a complaint and explain how the investigative process proceeds.
- Instruct your child to write down what happened, when it happened, and who else may have seen/heard the harassment.
- For more information, log on to our website www.greenbearmo.org, click on our Parent Page and download our *Sexual Harassment Brochure*.