

# Impact of Online Violence on Learners

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# Objectives of the Session

01

Understand  
online  
violence and  
its forms

02

Recognize its  
impact on  
school  
students

03

Identify  
warning signs  
in learners

04

Support  
affected  
students  
effectively

05

Promote safe  
online  
behaviour in  
schools



# The Digital Lives of Students



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- Internet usage among school-age children in India
- Increased use of:
  - Smartphones
  - Social media
  - Online gaming
  - Digital learning platforms
- Opportunities and risks of digital engagement

# What is Online Violence?

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- *Online violence refers to harmful behaviours conducted through digital technologies that cause psychological, emotional, social, or physical harm*

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- *Cyberbullying*
- *Online harassment*
- *Threats and intimidation*
- *Hate speech*
- *Image-based abuse*
- *Online grooming*
- *Exclusion and shaming*

# Forms of Online Violence Faced by School Students

- Cyberbullying
- Harassment
- Social Exclusion
- Hate Speech
- Image Abuse
- Impersonation
- Online Grooming
- Gaming Abuse

- Insults, rumours, trolling
- Repeated abusive messages
- Group exclusion online
- Targeting identity
- Sharing photos without consent
- Fake profiles
- Manipulation by adults
- Toxic interactions in games

# Why Are Children Vulnerable?

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Developing emotional maturity

Need for peer acceptance

Limited understanding of online risks

Excessive screen time

Lack of supervision

Difficulty reporting incidents

# Online Violence in the Indian Context

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Growth of  
smartphone  
access

Increased  
social media  
participation

Language  
diversity and  
local platforms

Urban-rural  
digital  
expansion

Emerging  
concerns in  
schools

# Impact on Mental Health

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Stress

Fear

Loneliness

Reduced self-esteem

Anxiety

Depression

Self-harm risk

# Impact on Learning and Academic Performance



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- Concentration
- Classroom participation
- Attendance
- Motivation
- Homework completion
- Examination performance

# Impact on Behaviour and Relationships

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- Social withdrawal
- Aggression
- Irritability
- Loss of trust
- Conflict with peers
- Family tensions

# Warning Signs Teachers May Observe

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- Emotional Signs
  - Sudden sadness
  - Anxiety
  - Mood changes
- Behavioural Signs
  - Withdrawal
  - Reduced participation
  - Avoiding devices or obsessively checking them
- Academic Signs
  - Falling grades
  - Reduced engagement

# Role of Teachers

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- Create safe classroom environments
- Encourage reporting
- Listen without judgment
- Document concerns
- Refer serious cases appropriately
- Collaborate with parents and counsellors

# Responding to a Student Disclosure

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## DO:

- ✓ Listen calmly
- ✓ Take concerns seriously
- ✓ Reassure the student
- ✓ Preserve evidence
- ✓ Follow school procedures

## DON'T:

- ✗ Blame the student
- ✗ Minimize the issue
- ✗ Promise absolute secrecy

# Preventive Strategies in Schools

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Digital citizenship education

Online safety awareness

Clear anti-bullying policies

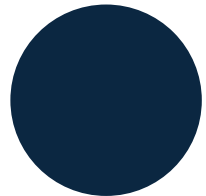
Peer support systems

Responsible technology use

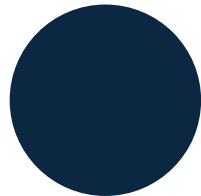
Regular discussions on online behaviour

# Working with Parents

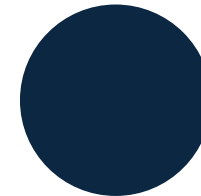
# Working with Parents



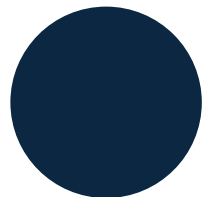
Share safety  
guidance



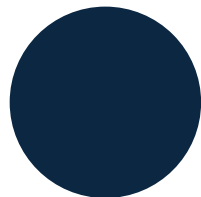
Encourage open  
communication



Promote  
balanced screen  
use



Explain privacy  
settings



Encourage  
reporting of  
concerns

# Relevant Laws and Policies in India

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- Information Technology Act, 2000
- POCSO Act (for child protection)
- Cybercrime reporting mechanisms

# Building Digital Resilience in Students

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1

Think  
before  
posting

2

Protect  
personal  
information

3

Use privacy  
settings

4

Block and  
report  
abuse

5

Seek help  
early

6

Be  
responsible  
digital  
citizens

# Key Takeaways

Online violence is a real educational and wellbeing issue

Its impact extends beyond the digital world

Teachers are often the first adults to notice warning signs

Early intervention can significantly reduce harm

Safe and supportive school environments are essential

Thank you