



*Specialised*  
Security Services



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**PROJECT:**  
**BULLYING AND**  
**THE LAW**

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*Our organisation,  
Specialised Security Services,  
has a dual objective.*

*We endeavour to expose, inform,  
and educate the public through our  
daily projects.*

*We aim to address current newsworthy  
issues that impact the community.  
One such issue that has come to the  
forefront is bullying in schools.*

*We have received numerous cases  
from concerned parents regarding this problem  
and have already taken steps  
to help the victims and their families.*

*We recognise the bullies themselves may be victims of traumatic experiences, leading them to act out their aggression on others.*

*Therefore, we assist the victims as well as the perpetrators to help them overcome their trauma and prevent further incidents.*

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- Bullying is defined as the repetitive and intentional act of hurting someone where there is an imbalance of power in the relationship.
  - Bullying can be physical, verbal or emotional and often involves a group of people who participate in bullying the victim.
  - Physical bullying can take many forms, such as hitting, kicking, pushing or biting, while verbal bullying can be in the form of teasing, belittling, threatening or name-calling.
  - Emotional bullying can include intimidating, tormenting, threatening or humiliating a victim.
  - The incidents have escalated exponentially with technology and the social impact it has on young people.
  - It is important to realise that it affects young teenagers and children from primary schools.
  - The bullying of learners in schools has become a nightmare for parents and teachers in South Africa and globally.
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- Bullying has a severely negative impact on a child's self-esteem and may lead to social isolation.
- If parents suspect that their child has become a victim of bullying, there are several things they can do to help:
  - Tell the child to seek immediate help from a responsible adult.
  - A teacher will be willing to assist and support the victim.
  - Listen to your child and provide support at all times.
  - Be sympathetic and avoid telling them to "pull themselves together".
  - It is important not to minimize or devalue their feelings and experiences.

- Watch out for signs that your child may be experiencing bullying at school:
    - They may frequently make excuses for not wanting to go to school.
    - Their grades may begin to suffer, and they may struggle to concentrate.
    - They may come home with unexplained bruises, injuries, or torn clothing, and their possessions may be damaged or stolen.
  - It is crucial for parents to address the issue of bullying as soon as they become aware of it, as it has long-term effects on a child's mental and emotional well-being.
  - A victim of bullying often experiences low self-esteem, poor academic performance, depression, and suicidal thoughts.
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## **LEGAL OPTIONS AVAILABLE:**

- The Protection from Harassment Act 71 of 2011 came into effect on the 27th of April 2013.
- In terms of this Act, a victim may approach a Magistrates Court in his area to obtain a Protection order against the child bully.
- In terms of Section 2(3)(a) of the said Act, the application may be brought on behalf of the complainant by a parent, guardian or a person who has a material interest in the matter.
- Section 2(4) however permits the child victim (complainant) to bring the application on his/her own without the assistance of an adult.
- A Protection order prohibits the bully from further harassing the victim and eliciting another person's assistance in order to harass the victim.
- A court may also add additional conditions that it may deem necessary to ensure the well-being and safety of the victim.
- Imposing these conditions provides an opportunity to engage the bully in therapy and also to involve the family in group conferences and embark on mediation and restorative justice processes.
- If the bully is under the age of 10 years, he/she cannot be prosecuted criminally in terms of the Child Justice Act 5 of 2008, but a Protection order can still be granted in terms of the Protection of Harassment Act 17 of 2011.

## **IMPORTANT:**

- The South African Schools Act 84 of 1996 (SASA) also Provides for the Governing Bodies of Public Schools to adopt a code of conduct for learners.
    - This Code of Conduct must consist of a set of rules which sets out a standard of behaviour for learners and encourages self-discipline and mutual respect.
    - Furthermore, the Code of conduct must provide a framework within a safe, secure, and disciplined learning environment.
    - In the event of any transgressions, the governing board must see to the disciplinary action against such a child offender.
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Bullying is a concerning issue in South African schools.

Facts:

- Learners are responsible for 90% of bullying in schools.
  - 67% of victims do not ask teachers for help, believing it will not make any difference.
  - Approximately 160,000 high school students skip school daily to avoid being bullied.
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