



Exercise: How to deal with cyber violence?

Involve your students. Make a list of what a victim of cyber violence might do.

Think together:

- Where can we report an abuse?
- What ways have you already tried?
- How do you take care of your safety online?

Below you will find one of the methods of dealing with hate speech or cyber bullying online.

If you know who the author of hateful comments is, use a method of small steps:

1. **Talk to this person.** Perhaps they do not realize the meaning of the words they are using. Ask them, why they are doing it and tell them about the consequences. Talk them into removing this comment. If you see it did not achieve the desired effect – the comments have not been removed, new ones have been added:
 - a. **Report it to a teacher or a councilor.** Talk to a teacher. Say what you discovered and how you assess the situation. You have tried to solve the problem on your own, but now you need support. If after an adult's intervention comments are not removed and new ones appear...
2. **Report the problem to a website administrator.** An administrator is obliged to remove a comment, to block a website or a user, if you give them examples of hate speech. If this does not help, the last resort is:
3. **Go to the police.** It might appear strange, but it is their duty to react if you report offending, bullying, slander or insult.

Sometimes only you can see how much evil is caused by hate speech towards your peers, yourselves, or your friends. Don't be afraid to act!

Project "Hatred – I am against" is led by the Centre for Citizenship Education in cooperation with the European Wergeland Centre in the framework of the programme Citizens for Democracy financed by EOF Fund

