In Just Five...Technology and Cyberbullying

For families with preschool to high school-aged children, chances are electronic devices and computers were part of recent holiday celebrations or birthdays. What do you need to know about their safe use and monitoring?

Technologically-based messaging and other related opportunities are also giving rise to "cyberbullying" in many age groups. The National Crime Prevention Council estimates it “...is a problem that affects almost half of all American teens,” adding:

"Online bullying, called cyberbullying, happens when teens use the Internet, cell phones, or other devices to send or post text or images intended to hurt or embarrass another person."

Here are general topics and resources from governmental and organizational sites, including a related glossary, aimed at preventing cyberbullying:

**Children**
- [Girls and Cyber-Bullying](#)
- Stop Bullying Now: [For Kids](#)
- [Rules in Cyberspace](#) (U.S. Department of Justice)

**Adults**
- [GetNetWise](#) and [GetNetWise: Safety Tips for Families](#) (Includes links to Safety by Age: 2-17 years old)
- Stop Bullying Now: [For Adults](#)
- On Guard On Line: [Kid’s Privacy](#) (Federal Government and the technology industry)