



Keeping Students, Staff and Schools Safe from Bullying

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Wherever and whenever bullying occurs at a school, individuals within the school community are at risk of harm. Schools must take all reasonable precautions to prevent the risk of harm from bullying. However, taking these precautions does not just increase the safety of potential victims, it also protects the school from liability for any damage sustained from bullying. This paper will consider how to identify bullying, how schools may be liable for bullying, the amount of damages for which a school may be liable and what steps schools can take to protect their students and themselves. The paper will also survey bullying cases and consider what we can learn from those cases.