

The Bully/Victim Characteristics Chart

Kids who bully...

- are excited by their bullying behavior.
- enjoy feelings of power and control.
- lack compassion and empathy for their victims.
- enjoy causing pain. e are calm and show little emotion.
- blame the victims.
- think that the innocent remarks or actions of others are meant to hurt them.
- are usually average students.
- do not have low self-esteem.
- usually have a small network of friends.
- are successful at hiding their bullying behavior.
- are excited by their victims' reactions such as fighting back.
- who are boys more often use physical force, insults, and threats.
- who are girls more often rely on social alienation and intimidation, such as excluding their victims, threatening them, or making them feel as if they don't belong.

There are two types of victims: Passive and Provocative.

Kids who are *passive* victims...

- show a lot of emotion.
- rarely tell about being bullied, because they think it will make matters worse, and they don't think adults can help.
- may carry weapons for protection.
- do not encourage attack; they don't "ask for it."
- are sensitive, cry easily, and are easy to pick on.
- may be shy and lacking in social skills.
- are usually insecure and lacking in self-esteem.
- are usually chosen last or left out.
- may appear to lack humor.
- have few or no friends.
- are often anxious and easily upset.
- are bullied repeatedly.
- may use money or toys (as bribes) for protection.

Kids who are *provocative* victims...

- are pesky and repeatedly irritate others.
- are quick-tempered and prone to fight back.
- get others charged up.
- maybe clumsy, immature, restless.
- provoke bullying; they “egg on” kids who bully.
- sometimes look as if they are bullies themselves, but, unlike true bullies, they always lose in the end.