

Oi You Gay



Watch Out For Homophobic Bullying!!

Ok so while we try to deal with all the challenges of being a teenager and being gay/ lesbian/ bisexual/ transgender – we also have to deal with harassment, threats, and violence directed at us on a daily basis.

We hear anti-gay slurs such as “homo”, “faggot” and “batty boy” about 26 times a day or once every 14 minutes, according to American research.

But more troubling, a further study found that thirty-one percent of gay youth had been threatened or injured at school in the last year alone!

So All This Can Mess Up Your Head

Gay and lesbian teens are at high risk because 'their distress is a direct result of the hatred and prejudice that surround them,' not because of their inherently gay or lesbian identity orientation. Gay, lesbian, and bisexual youth are two to three times more likely to attempt suicide than their heterosexual counterparts.

What Can I Do?

Become aware of when you are distressed

Look after yourself at school and at home

Find someone you can tell

Our Education Can Suffer

Gay teens in schools are often subjected to such intense bullying that they're unable to receive an adequate education. They're often embarrassed or ashamed of being targeted and may not report the abuse

GLBT students are more apt to skip school due to the fear, threats, and property vandalism directed at them or because they felt unsafe there

GLBT youth feel they have nowhere to turn. According to several surveys, four out of five gay and lesbian students say they don't know one supportive adult at school.

