HOW TO: Respond to Bullies



FOGGING

Do not respond to insults with more insults, as this can develop into a nasty argument that doesn't help anyone.

Reply to taunts with short bland responses such as **"maybe"** or **"if that's what you think".** Then walk away.

DISTRACTION

If a bully is threatening you with harm for a possession, you must give it up. <u>Absolutely no item is more important</u> <u>than you!</u>

Throw the item high up in the air in the *opposite direction* to the bully. While the bully chases it, you can run away and report the incident to an adult.

Remember: Run! Yell! Tell!

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When a bully is asking you for one of your possessions, try repeating something such as "no, this is my pen, and I need it", until the bully goes away.

Stop immediately if your safety feels threatened and follow the 'Distraction' method below.

CREATIVE RESPONSE

Often the type of thing a bully will pick on will be predictable. Why not **prepare some responses** that will confuse and deter the bully. For example:

Insult: "I don't like your ginger hair" Response: "Cry me a river, build me a bridge and get over it!"

SAY "NO!!!"

Use a **deep loud and strong voice**. Look the bully directly in the eye and say "NO!"

If in a playground or area where adults are not very close by, shout this in your loudest deepest voice to attract their attention.



