

**Harassment** 

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School can be a scary place for teens that face harassment. But the more we build awareness about the seriousness of this problem, the more can be done to address it. After reading “Hostile Halls” (p. 16), consider the scenarios below. For each situation, write about what you would do.

1. You enter a new school. Most of the students in your old school were similar to you in ethnicity, but you’re in the minority at this new school. Someone begins targeting you for harassment—leaving nasty notes in your locker and threatening to beat you up. You’re scared, you feel alone, and you’re not sure how to handle it.

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2. One of your good friends is being sexually harassed. It started out with name-calling and rumors. Then last week, between classes, a few boys cornered her in the hallway and made suggestive remarks. She hasn’t reported the incidents because she fears that telling might make things worse; you’re the only person in whom she has confided.

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3. School bullies are picking on a group of students because of their religion. When fights happen, teachers break things up, but the problem keeps coming back. You think more can be done to make your school a safer place for these students, and everyone else.

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