

Dear Sir or Madam,

I am writing in order to raise awareness of people about one situation, that is becoming quite common in our society and that is bullying. There are many types of bullying, for example bullying at school, at work, cyber bullying and each of them is important.

The one overall definition of bullying is when stronger children or people threaten weaker ones. There are many examples of bullying, but in many cases it is not being reported to the authorities. For instance, when in school older children take money from the younger ones, or when somebody is mocking little children, or when somebody threatens others over the social networking sites. The biggest problem is that nobody wants to admit that they are being bullied.

Consequences are inevitable about this situation. Children have the biggest scars of this experience. They are becoming more introverted, anxious, afraid, they do not want to go to school if the bullies are there. But there are more serious problems such as suicide. It is rare in our country, but in others it is not. If somebody cannot overcome this problem, and does not see a way out of this, and does not have the support of family, since they do not know about the problem, then suicide is what they see as the way out.

I think that this problem can never be solved completely, but it should be minimised. Authorities should show people that they cannot be hurt if they report a bully. Children who go to school should go, for example, once or twice a year to the psychologist, who should determine whether somebody is having problems. This is not much but it is enough for the beginning.

Yours faithfully,

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