

Preventing or Dealing with Abuse

Lesson 3, Student Activity 4

- **DON'T RESPOND.** When you send an e-mail message, many services display your real name. When you send a text message you show your cell phone number. Don't communicate with bullies in a way that gives this information away.
- **BLOCK.** Use tools on your device to block anyone whose behavior is inappropriate or threatening in any way; preferably block specific individuals or contact by people you don't know. (Bullies can create new identities in a heartbeat.)
- **STAY PRIVATE.** Bullies can't use personal information if you keep your profiles private and you tightly manage who can see your information; don't give away your gamer tag to strangers so they can find you in a game space.
- **REPORT.** Report abuse that you experience or observe. Look for a Report Abuse button or link you can use to report inappropriate or abusive activity.