

Silent Witness

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Recent surveys show that three out of four U.S. teenagers have been bullied at some point during their lives...one out of ten, on a regular basis. In addition, sixty percent of teenagers have been teased or harassed online – 13,000,000 victims of "cyber bullying." But an even larger group, made up of 88% of teenagers, reports **witnessing bullying** and experts say too many of these witnesses remain silent. Why? They're afraid of being the next victim. According to an official with the U.S. Department of Education, these "*silent witnesses*" are the key to changing the climate of bullying in American schools. This TV special, *Silent Witness*, profiles true stories and offers advice from experts for parents, teachers and teens on this disturbing problem.

- 15-year-old **Kyle** was targeted by bullies in part because he is "different." Kyle has Asperger's Syndrome, a form of autism that prevents him from recognizing many common social cues. He was bullied for years in middle school, and eventually became a bully himself.
- After seeing **Bill**, 18, bullied for years, his mother removed him from public high school and refused to send him back until the district did something about the situation. Her efforts paid off. The district is addressing the issue of bullying by offering training for teachers, anti-bullying groups for students, and encouraging anonymous reporting by witnesses.
- For 13-year-old **Stanzi**, the bullying began in elementary school. She was teased, harassed and excluded by bullies, and says her friends and other classmates did nothing to stop it. The bullying ended when **Stanzi** transferred to a public school district in Stafford County, VA, where bullying is not tolerated.
- **Six Degrees** is a middle school student group in La Crosse, WI, that performs "social improvisation" to teach other kids not to stand by when they see bullying occur. Social improvisation is a theatre technique used to dramatize bullying situations.

Connect with Kids programs feature real kids, true stories, experts and educators ... a way to help parents and kids start a conversation about the tough topics kids face every day.

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- Tell parents about the upcoming television special
- Ask parents and students to watch together
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- Coordinate the TV program with classroom topics and lessons

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