

RECOGNIZING THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN NORMAL PEER CONFLICT AND BULLYING

Normal Peer Conflict	Bullying
Equal power or friends	***Imbalance of power; not friends
Happens occasionally	Repeated negative actions
Accidental	Purposeful
Not serious	Serious with threat of physical or emotional harm
Equal emotional reaction	Strong emotional reaction from victim and little or no emotional reaction from bully
Not seeking power or attention	Seeking power, control, or material things
Not trying to get something	Attempt to gain material things or power
Remorse – will take responsibility	No remorse – blames victim
Effort to solve the problem	No effort to solveproblem

*** Relational Aggression