

Cyber-bullying that led to suicide

On 10 October 2012 the Canadian teenager Amanda Todd committed suicide after years of cyber-bullying and harassment. Judith Bruhn describes a shocking case.



At the age of 12 [Amanda Todd](#) logged onto a webcam site where she met a 30-year-old man who flattered her until she revealed her breasts. The man took a photo of her breasts and circulated it among the girl's friends, family, school and neighbours. The man continued to stalk and [harass](#) her despite her changing schools and moving house. Other pupils in her school bullied and assaulted her as a result. Amanda developed panic attacks, started self-harming and tried to commit suicide several times during those years. On 7 September 2012, Amanda, now aged 15, posted a 9-minute [video](#) on YouTube, using flash cards to tell her story of being stalked, bullied and assaulted. On 10 October of the same year, she committed suicide.

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