









1. ENTITLEMENT
2. THINKING WE ARE BETTER THAN OTHERS
3. PLAYING DOWN DISRESPECTFUL BEHAVIOUR
4. THINKING IT'S OK TO BE AGGRESSIVE BECAUSE HE'S A BOY
5. VICTIM-BLAMING



WHAT CAN WE DO?

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PLAYING DOWN DISRESPECT TOWARD GIRLS	
This is when we brush off or try to lessen the seriousness of disrespectful or aggressive actions.	
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OR SAID ...	WHAT A YOUNG PERSON MIGHT THINK
"He picks on you because he likes you"	GIRL BOY
"Lighten up, he didn't mean it like that"	GIRL BOY
"It's only a bit of fun"	GIRL BOY
"It's just a joke"	GIRL BOY

ACCEPTING AGGRESSION AS JUST PART OF BEING A BOY	
HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OR SAID ...	WHAT A YOUNG PERSON MIGHT THINK
"It's tough being a boy"	GIRL BOY
"He's just going through a phase"	GIRL BOY
"Boys will be boys"	GIRL BOY
"He didn't know he was doing anything wrong"	GIRL BOY

### BLAMING GIRLS

Sometimes we shift the blame when a boy is disrespectful or aggressive towards a girl. This may imply that she must have done something to provoke the behaviour, or manipulated the situation.

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OR SAID ...	WHAT A YOUNG PERSON MIGHT THINK
"It takes two to tango"	GIRL BOY
"She probably provoked him"	GIRL BOY

HAVE YOU EVER THOUGHT OR SAID ...	WHAT A BOY MIGHT THINK
"Man up"	
"Stop acting like a girl"	
"Who wears the pants?"	
"Boys don't cry"	
"She has you under the thumb"	
"You're so whipped"	

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### 7 ROUTES TO RESPECT

1. STOP IT AT THE START
2. BE AN EXAMPLE – MODEL IT
3. ENLIST HELP
4. BREAK DOWN THE BOY CODE
5. UNDERSTAND THEM
6. GET THEM OUT OF BED AND USING THEIR OAR
7. PROMOTE PERSPECTIVE

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