

# DANGER ZONE

Parenting In The Digital Age



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# THE STATISTICS

Teenagers (Ages 13-17): A 2022 report indicates that 73% of teens aged 13 to 17 have watched pornography online, with more than half (54%) reporting multiple viewings.

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Young Adults (Ages 18-29): Approximately 44% of men in this age group reported watching online adult content in the past month.

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Adults (Ages 18-73): A study found that 91.5% of men and 60.2% of women reported consuming pornography in the past month.

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By Gender: Men are four times more likely than women to report having watched pornography in the past month (44% vs. 11%). Up to 42% of women in the United States reported watching pornography within the last year.

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By Medium and Consumption: In 2021, 98% of pornography accessed by young adults was internet-based, with a majority (69%) viewed on a cell phone.

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By Medium and Consumption: The United States leads in pornography consumption, followed by France, the Philippines, and Mexico.

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By Medium and Consumption: Every day, approximately 68 million search queries related to pornography—constituting 25% of total searches—are generated.

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By Medium and Consumption: The estimated number of individuals viewing pornography on the internet increased over threefold (310%) between October 2004 and October 2016.

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# THE BRAIN

THE CHILD: Distortion of Healthy Sexual Development, Increased Risk of Addiction, Emotional and Psychological Distress.

# THE BRAIN

THE TEEN: Altered Brain Development, Desensitization and Escalation, Negative Impact on Relationships, and Impaired Academic and Social Functioning.

# THE BRAIN

THE ADULT: Addiction and Escalation,  
Decreased Relationship Satisfaction,  
Objectification and Dehumanization, and  
Mental Health Issues.

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# THE ACCESS

Free Pornography Websites: Pornographic websites are abundant, and many do not have robust age verification systems in place. While some use simple “are you over 18?” pop-ups, these can easily be bypassed by minors.

# THE ACCESS

Smart Devices: Phones, tablets, and gaming consoles with internet access provide a portable, often unsupervised, means for children to browse online.

# THE ACCESS

Peer Sharing: Children may also be exposed to pornography through friends or peers who share content via messaging apps, file-sharing platforms, or even offline.

# THE ACCESS

Weak Age Verification Systems: Age verification systems on websites are often minimal, with children able to fake their age by entering a false birthdate or bypassing verification prompts.

# THE ACCESS

Common Exposure: Studies show that a significant percentage of children and teens are exposed to pornography by their early teenage years. According to a 2016 study by the NSPCC, around 28% of children aged 11 to 12 had seen explicit material, and the percentage increases with age.

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# THE DAMAGE

Early Roots of Pornography in America (Pre-20th Century)  
Technological and Cultural Shifts (Early 20th Century)  
Mainstream Emergence of Pornography (Mid-20th Century)  
The Sexual Revolution and Pornography Boom (1960s-1970s)  
The Digital Explosion (1980s-Present)

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## Early Roots of Pornography in America (Pre-20th Century)

Imported Influence: Pornography as we recognize it today can be traced back to Europe, where sexually explicit art and literature were produced as far back as the Renaissance. Early American exposure came through imported materials.

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## The Digital Explosion (1980s-Present)

Industry Growth: Pornography has become a multi-billion-dollar industry. In 2023, pornography sites were among the most visited websites globally, with billions of views per month.

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The pornography epidemic would have never grown without the invention of digital technology and media transport streams.

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For Young Children (Ages 5–10):

Introduce Boundaries: Teach children that not all pictures or videos are good, and some may harm their hearts and minds. Use simple language: “If you ever see pictures or videos of people without their clothes on, it’s important to tell a responsible adult right away.”

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For Pre-Teens (Ages 11–13):

Define Pornography Simply: “Pornography is pictures or videos of people who are exposing themselves or doing things that should only happen between a husband and wife.”

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For Teenagers (Ages 14–18):

Teens are more likely to have encountered pornography, whether intentionally or accidentally. Conversations should be honest & open.

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For Teenagers (Ages 14–18):

Encourage Accountability: Equip teens with tools, like accountability software, and encourage them to talk to you or a trusted mentor if they're struggling.

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