

The Right of the Child

Child Exploitation involves taking advantage of a child. It is a form of abuse and is against the law. **Article 36 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child** provides protection from any kind of exploitation to everyone under 18 years.

Two forms of exploitation are: **Pornography** and **Social Networking**.

Pornography is any visual depiction (photographs, films, videos, pictures, computer-generated images or pictures) made or produced to exploit an individual in sexual acts or in a lewd manner.

Impact of Pornography

- Child prostitution
- Early exposure to sexual activity
- Abnormal views of sex
- Little trust for adults
- Suicidal behaviours
- Loss of focus/withdrawn, low self-esteem and feelings of



Social Media

Social Networking: is an online community of people with a common interest who use internet applications to help connect friends, business partners, or other individuals to communicate, share information and resources with each other.

Social Networking Sites: Twitter, Facebook, U-Tube and **My Space**

Impact of Social Networking:

Positive Impact

The internet can be used for fun, education, research, chat rooms, message boards, email, listening to music, playing games, and watching movies.

Negative Impact

- Socially dysfunctional beings, e.g. Individuals are unable to relate to the world beyond their keyboard
- Exposure to violence, hate sites, pornography, online predators.
- Diminished family values and traditions
- Limited physical activity



Rules for On-Line Safety

- Talk with an adult or family member to set guidelines for social networking
- Do not provide personal information e.g. address, telephone number, pictures, etc.
- If you find any information on-line that makes you feel uncomfortable, tell an adult family member right away

Name _____

Date _____

Health and Family Life

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1. List **FOUR** benefits/advantages and **FOUR** dangers/disadvantages of internet use.

Benefits/Advantages	Dangers/Disadvantages

2. Define the following terms.

abuse

incest

rape

molestation

sexual abuse

3. Write the names of the following social networks.

