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### Monitor What Your Children Are Watching!

Pornography should be something that is strictly for adult entertainment. Unfortunately, the world that we live in has found ways to invade the minds of our children. There are unethical graphic artists out there that take characters that children are familiar with and engage them in some sort of sexual activity with another popular character. These unethical tactics seek to manipulate and stimulate our children's mind with deviant activity.

Parents should be aware of this issue because technology is advancing everyday and more things are being exposed to our children. In some cases, children are aware of the dangers of the internet before the parents, especially if you are raising a child between the ages of 12 and 17.

This is their generation, and they have more knowledge of this fast paced world. Pre-teens and teens are going through different stages of hormones and puberty. Parents should talk to their children about these issues so that they can get the proper guidance on the topic of sex, rather than a friend or the internet - yikes.

There are sexual abusers in the world that are preying on the innocence of our children. What makes matters worse is that the internet predator does not have a particular face or identity. An internet predator could look like your uncle or grandfather, or anyone!

Now, we have all heard of the old saying of telling your children to never talk to strangers. This statement is still very important in today. We have to take it a step further and tell our children; if anything does not seem right or if they have witnessed something disturbing on the internet, to not be afraid to come and talk to an adult they trust.

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