

Hey Kids, Got a Cell Phone?

Do kids really need a cell phone? More and more young kids today have cell phones. Recently, I asked my parents for a cell phone. My parents asked me why I needed one. As my mind raced trying to come up with reasons for why I needed a cell phone, I said what I heard my other friends say,

“For emergencies, like blackouts, robbery, communication, (when I’m not at home), and if I am lost or have gone missing.”

As I listened to my reasons, even I was not convinced to have a cell phone. Actually it was pressure from my friends to get a cell phone, as well as seeing others with cell phones. This made me think I needed one as well.

In my opinion now, kids should not have cell phones. Cell



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phones cause distractions. Cell phones give parents false security, kids are given certain freedoms that they might not otherwise get without a cell phone.

Parents become absentee parents, and allow kids to be on their own with a cell phone.

Instead, parents should make themselves more available without the use of cell phones. Kids could also E-Mail, call using a home phone and talk to friends.

For now I don’t think I need a cell phone.