

Executive Summary

The State of AI Safety for Parents & Educators – 2025

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The Problem

Generative AI is now a fixture in homes and classrooms. Over **70% of U.S. teens** have tried AI “companion” chatbots, half use them regularly, and deepfake misinformation is spreading across the same platforms kids use daily. Current AI safety frameworks (NIST AI RMF, Google SAIF, UNESCO’s AI Competency Frameworks) are geared toward engineers and policymakers — **leaving parents, teachers, and school leaders without practical, child-specific safeguards.**

Key Findings

- **Privacy Under Threat:** AI tools often collect, store, and exploit minors’ personal data without meaningful consent.
 - **Misinformation at Scale:** AI generates believable but false text, images, and deepfakes that teens struggle to verify.
 - **Emotional Risks from AI Companions:** Constant validation from AI “friends” can replace human connection and harm social development.
 - **Data Exploitation Beyond Ads:** AI profiles youth in ways that can shape education, advertising, and opportunities — with underprivileged kids most at risk.
 - **Mental Health Concerns:** AI therapy bots can reinforce stigma, mishandle crises, and delay access to human care.
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Recommended Actions

For Parents & Caregivers

- Vet AI apps for privacy and age-appropriateness.
- Set “AI use agreements” with clear boundaries.
- Teach fact-checking of AI-generated content.

For Schools & Educators

- Integrate AI literacy into digital citizenship lessons.
- Require supervised AI use in academic work.
- Establish clear reporting channels for harmful AI encounters.

For Policymakers

- Strengthen child privacy laws to ban perpetual data licensing for minors.
- Require content moderation, crisis protocols, and age verification on youth-facing AI platforms.
- Fund long-term research into AI's developmental impact.

Why Act Now

If we fail to address these gaps, the next generation will grow up in a digital environment where manipulation, misinformation, and unsafe AI interactions are normalized. **We can prevent this by putting child safety at the center of AI adoption — now.**

Read the Full Report & Access Resources:

<https://tinyurl.com/ai-safety-poll>

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