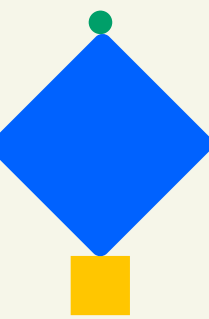


# Ethical Issues in Monitoring Children's Online Activity

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## Story Card

- As a mother of 3 teenage sons, Lindsey regularly hacks into her children's social network sites and checks their online history. She believes that this is the only way she can make sure they are being responsible and safe.
- Lindsey doesn't think she is doing anything wrong and believes she is only looking out for the welfare of her family.
- Would you agree with Lindsey?
- What are the ethical issues in this scenario?



## Info Cards

### Safer Internet Day

Safer Internet Day aims to promote safer and more responsible use of online technology and mobile phones, especially among children and young people across the world. It is celebrated in February each year.

#### Connections

- Both Lindsey and Safer Internet Day believe there is a need to protect ourselves from the Internet to guarantee our safety.
- Internet is actually not a safe place, especially for young people and children.
- Lindsey should use opportunities like Safer Internet Day to promote safe and responsible online behaviour among her children.

### Digital Native

Digital Natives is a term that refers to people who were born after the extensive introduction of digital technology, and have grown up completely submerged into the world of internet and modern technology.

#### Connections

- Lindsey's actions may be more prevalent among parents who are not digital natives and may not fully understand the implications of their actions in the digital age.
- Digital natives have grown up completely submerged into the world of internet and modern technology. The indirect connection, that the perspective of different generations to view a problem is also important and cannot be neglected.

## Issue Cards

### Privacy

Is privacy an issue that young people need to worry about? How would issues of privacy affect their lives, both online and in their everyday undertakings? What are the risks involved with privacy and the lack of regard for it?

#### Connections

- Lindsey's actions of monitoring children's online activity raises concerns about privacy.
- The value of maintaining their privacy and the potential repercussions of disclosing personal information online must be made clear to young people.

## Violent Online Behavior

Children that have come from stable backgrounds are gaining firsthand experience of violence from the Internet. What impact might this have on the moral and social development of children and young people?

#### Connections

Violent online behaviours are spread online and can be easily accessed by anyone, including young kids. As a result, kids might be able to mimic the behaviour and take it into their daily lifestyle. Lindsey is trying her best in her own way to prevent her child from being exploited with those contents.

## Conclusion

- She is a mother who cares about the mental health of her children. She has positive intentions.
- She is not a digital native. She didn't have a chance to completely immerse herself into the world of internet and modern technology at an early age, subsequently having a worse understanding of the importance of privacy and responsible online behaviour.
- The right to privacy is of crucial importance, so we cannot say she is right.
- The value of maintaining their privacy as well as right to know should be seriously treated.

Lindsay's behavior is not acceptable.

