

As your parent, I am responsible to God as the ultimate steward of your phone. As long as the phone is paid for by me, and/or while you live under my roof, here are our **non-negotiables**:

- ✓ All passwords are public and accessible, including for apps.
- ✓ Parents have full access to any phone at any time.
- ✓ No sneaky apps designed to hide or keep secrets.
- ✓ Calls from parents are answered or responded to in a certain time period we decide.
- ✓ No pornography, or sharing of images that exploit, harm, or shame other people.
- ✓ No dating apps.
- ✓ We will not use our phones to bully or gossip.
- ✓ No abusive or inappropriate language communicated through this device.
- ✓ If this phone is broken or lost, the repair or replacement will be your financial responsibility.

Our grace policy

Systems break, technology fails, and sometimes you will find a way around the rules. You can still tell me anything. I want to know if you are being bullied online. I care about who you talk to and what you watch. I'm making these rules because I care about you and want to help you become responsible.



Who pays for the phone? Ownership and responsibility

When and where can this phone be used? Basic ground rules

How do we know what to trust online? Representation does not always equal reality

Why do we avoid harmful content? A Christian ethic for deciding what's appropriate

What if everything goes wrong? Positive motivation, consequences, and support

The 8 Smartphone Domains

Phones are very good, cursed, & can be redeemed. God owns everything, & He owns all phones.

Parents are responsible to God as the ultimate steward of the family phones.

Move from left to right across each of the 8 domains.

Non-Negotiables Parent has access to phone/apps at any time, has passcode, all passwords & logins, & can install software. There is no right to phone privacy.

Parent will check phone frequently & know about every app.

NO sneaky apps, hidden accounts, changing passwords, & no secrets.

Agreed family response times to calls & texts.

NO porn, sexting, online dating, or "hook-up" apps.

NO bullying, or inappropriate (abusive) language. No more nonnegotiables

2 Money

Parent pays for everything (phone plan, data, misc. costs).

Teen starts paying for apps, services, phone repairs, etc.

Teen pays for everything

3 Location

Establish policies for home use (i.e. bedroom, bathroom, mealtime, etc).

Establish policies for outside use (with location tracking on).

No policies for location

Time

Parents set and enforce Screen Time limits, phone off at night.

Teen regulates Screen Time limits with parent oversight.

Teen regulates own Screen Time

5 Internet

No web browsers or search engine apps on phone.

Allow native browser with whitelisted websites.

Allow native browser with "limit adult content" web filter and blacklisting certain sites (on Android use "approve sites").

No internet restrictions

6 App Store

App Store with "Family Sharing" & "Ask to Buy."

App Store with "Family Sharing" WITHOUT "Ask to Buy."

No Family Sharing.

Unrestricted App Store

7 Texting

Limit texting to approved list.

Allow texting, but with daily monitoring.

Allow texting, but with spontaneous check-ins.

Unrestricted Texting

Social Media

Allow one social media account with a shared family login and password.

Allow one social media account with daily time limits.

Allow multiple social media accounts with daily time limits.

Unrestricted social media