

Should Teens Play Pokemon Go?

The game Pokemon Go was a very successful app when it was released. Many teenagers and adults loved to play this game but they did not know the danger they could be putting themselves in. According to articles written by Sarah E. Needleman, Bernard Marr, and ProCon. Org, it states various reasons why teenagers should not play Pokemon Go. This game can have serious consequences if you continue to play it. I think teenagers should not play Pokemon Go for two reasons: it has access to privacy, and terrible injuries can occur.

To begin with, teenagers should not play Pokemon Go because it has access to their privacy. As young kids, we never read privacy policies while downloading a game so we never know where our information can be heading. According to Document B, written by Bernard Marr, it says, "Pokemon Go uses your phone's location, your IP address, and the web page you most recently visited before playing, all connected with your real name and account information, according to the game's private policy." Personal information should only be given to important places or people, not a childish game. Identities can be stolen from you and your friends. What will you do then? Teenagers should be aware of what kind of personal names, places, or numbers they are letting other know about. In this article, Bernard Marr also says, "People never read the lengthy terms of service agreements they're happily agreeing to, and don't understand the full information they're voluntarily giving away." I understand why teens or even adults don't ever read the terms of service agreements or privacy policies because they are long pages with many letters, but they should know about the risks of downloading apps like this one. It

could be sending your life down the drain. I think teenagers should not play Pokemon Go because it has access to their privacy.

Secondly, young adults should not play Pokemon Go because it can cause serious injuries. Walking outside and looking down at you phone can cause you to become lost or hurt. According to the article “Is Pokemon Go Good for Our Society?” adapted from ProCon.Org, it says, “News reporters say that users have tripped, fallen into a lake, crashed a car, and sustained other injuries while playing.” One day, I remember walking down the street with my mom and I was playing a game on my phone. I wasn’t looking up at all and I suddenly tripped because my shoes were untied. Pokemon Go distracts you from objects around you that can cause you to get hurt. In document A, written by Sarah Needleman, it says, “The mapping technology in ‘Pokemon Go’ doesn’t warn players if a Poke Stop is in an area that recently suffered from storm damage or has a high crime rate, for example.” While trying to catch creatures that pop up on your phone, you can get lost. Imagine walking without no actual place to go, just being controlled by your phone and it suddenly gets dark. You don't know where you are or how you got there because the whole time, you were playing Pokemon Go. Young adults should not play this game because it can cause injuries or even cause you to be lost.

In conclusion, I believe Pokemon Go is a misleading game that can cause you to be in danger. Many people argue that this creature catching game is very helpful and a good way to stay physically active. An infographic found in document C titled “Health Benefits to Catching ‘Em All,” shows that, “84% of people have increased their daily physical activity by 30 minutes or more since starting to play.” Although some say Pokemon Go is a great game, I believe it is not because many things can be at stake. Teenagers should not play Pokemon Go for two reasons: it has access to privacy, and it can cause serious injuries. As a young adult, I am glad I never thought of downloading this app because I

remember watching the news and seeing loads of people standing in one place waiting for their next creature to appear. I really hope that the teenagers and other adults playing this dangerous game take caution of what they're doing.

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