

## How Young is Too Young to Have a Cell Phone?

There is an ongoing debate in the United States about the age when children should have a cellphone. Parents have debated for over a decade about how old a child should be to have a cellphone. Furthermore, kids with cellphones has many positives and negatives in American Society. In comparing the pros and cons, I think children should carry cellphones if they are responsible enough. John Breyault's study in 2012 found nearly 60 percent of parents saying they offered cellphone to their kids at ages 10 or 11. Since then, that average age has gotten even younger. In addition Boerna says "parents wanted to stay in touch with their children because there are no land lines in homes or phone booths on the streets."

On the other hand, like with any other tool, you have to make sure that it's used appropriately. But how young is too young? Some carriers, like Sprint with its "We Go" device, are marketing cellphones for kids as young as five years old. Also, "digital hygiene" practices: staying within data limits, avoiding inappropriate content, and steering clear of privacy risks and cyber bullying

is a very big problem with younger kids in today's society. In conclusion, how young kids can be to have a cellphone is a decision parents have to make for their children. As children learn to use technology at younger ages and as technology is integrated into school curriculums that decision may be made for them.

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There's a ongoing debate in the United States about what age should children have a cell phone. Children should have their own cell phone at the age 5. This is because kids need phones to stay in touch with their parents. According to Berna, "most parents we surveyed said they were getting the phone so the kid could stay in touch with them". Clearly parents want their kids to be reachable. Furthermore schools have been integrating cell phone use into their curriculum. On the other hand Breyault asked, "or do they need to wait a little longer to make sure they know the responsibility that comes with having a phone? So that could be 13, 14, maybe even older. Also experts recommended that before allowing their children to have cell phones, parents should have a conversation with them about "digital hygiene" practices: staying within data limits, avoiding inappropriate content, and steering clear of privacy risks and cyber-bullying in

Conclusion having a cellphone has both positive and negative effects on society.

After careful analysis children having cell phones offers peace of mind to some parents, being able to keep in touch with their children.