

Family Digital Device Contract

This contract defines the use of the _____, herein known as the “device”.

The following contract should be adjusted to fit your family's needs by crossing out or adding on as needed.

For your purposes, “inappropriate posts” are defined as those containing nudity or swearing for example:

Device User Name:

Parent(s)/Guardian Name(s):

For the user

Having a digital device is a great way to communicate with friends, family and others. It is also a privilege to own one, so it comes with a few rules. By signing the contract, you and your parent(s) agree to the following:

- I will not use the device to bully, harass or threaten others.
- If I receive contact from strangers or read anything that makes me uncomfortable, I agree to tell my parents.
- I understand that any pictures or video taken on my device may one day go public, including those services that claim to *‘self destruct’, and as such will not take inappropriate pictures of myself or my friends.
- I will turn my device off at _____ on weeknights and _____ on weekends.
 - I am not permitted to use my device in these situations or locations (check all that apply and add your own):

- At the dinner table
- At School
- While driving

- I am not allowed to use the device for the following (check all that apply and add your own):

- Talk to strangers
- Visit sites with adult content
- Sexting

- I must not exceed texts and Mb/Gb of data. If I do, I am responsible for the overage fees.
- I agree to help my parents learn about the technology and online services that I use.
- I am responsible for the device and its safekeeping. If the device is lost or damaged, then _____

NOTE: When a picture or video is on the internet, anyone can screen capture it, including real-time streaming like Skype or Facetime. So even if a service promises to destroy your image (like Snapchat), the recipient could still have a copy.

For the parent(s)/guardians

This device is an extension of your child’s social life and though they must use it responsibly, they are also entitled to some privacy in terms of how they socialize. The following will help establish how you monitor their use.

- I agree to trust my child to come to me if they are being bullied, harassed or threatened.
- I agree to respect their privacy. My rules (choose all that apply):
 - I will not log in without their knowledge
 - I may log in whenever I chose
 - I will have their device password
 - I will have copies of all their device data at an external source (i.e. Cloud)
 - I will request access to their device if I have concern for their safety or wellbeing
- I agree to pay for (check all that apply):
 - The device Text or Phone plan
 - Data plan accessories
- I agree to set a good example with my own device and not text and drive or post inappropriate messages/photos.
- I agree to ask questions of my child in the hopes of understanding what they are using and how they are using it.

Breaking these rules results in the following consequences: _____

Date:

User:

Parent(s)/Guardians:

This contract is valid until: _____

