

Safe cellphone use for teenagers

1. Keep cell phones locked at all times

This stops people accessing information and posting unwanted material

2. Do not take any photos or videos that are of a sexual nature

Not only are they illegal they are at a great risk of being leaked.

3. Only give a cell phone number to someone that can be trusted

They might give it to others or use it for malicious reasons.

4. Always act with integrity and respect

Sending hurtful messages to people may have consequences

5. Be aware that all digital material is retrievable in future

Material sent to people will be accessible in future, and can be stored on other devices.

6. Schools can take your cell phone

Reasonable suspicion allows schools to confiscate your phone. See the school ICT policy.

7. Never text and drive

Texting and driving could cause a fatal accident and affect others' lives too

8. Remember that having a cell phone is a privilege, not a right

Treat it as such, and do not abuse the right, it may have serious consequences

9. Do not respond to messages from unknown numbers

This reduces the chances of predators or cyberbullies making contact

10. Never capture or send material that you would not send to your parents.

This is a good yardstick to control the media being captured and sent from devices.

