



How Does Social Media Affect Our Lives?

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Social media can be EXTREMELY dangerous. We will discuss dangers, addictions, and safety of using social media.

Social media is fun but can also be dangerous. You can get addicted, stalked or your identity could get stolen. You should never give out personal information. People online can force you to facetime, send pictures of yourself. Some people threaten to hack your account, People can give a virus, or even catfish you. lure you, a friend or a family member into a relationship by adopting a fictional person. But there are also lots of pros to social media and internet access. You can chat to your friends and family. You can get distracted and don't know what is happening in your surroundings.



Social media will ask you to pay for something in the app or game which means you could spend half or your money on the app or game.

Some adults even worry about others getting in contact with their children and lying about their own ages and asking for personal information.

So many people spend so much time on social media, shows the average daily usage of social media worldwide. As of **2017**, daily social media usage of global internet users amounted to **135** minutes per day, up from **126** daily minutes in the previous year. Global social networking audiences surpassed **2** billion users in **2016**.

Each month about **171,000,000** people are active on social media. Distraction has been identified as a contributing factor in **22%** of car accidents and a staggering **71%** of truck accidents. Also been identified as a contributing factor in **46%** of near crashes. Experts believe that using a mobile phone while driving greatly impacts your ability to concentrate on driving. However despite this, a recent Queensland study showed that **25%** of drivers still use their hand-held mobile phones while driving on a regular basis. A further **14%** reported using their phones to text while driving. **28%** reported using a hands-free car kit. Perhaps predictably, the highest level of mobile use while driving come from the youngest drivers, aged **18-24**. The National Safety Council reports that cell phone use while driving leads to **1.6 million** crashes each year. Nearly **330,000** injuries occur each year from accidents caused by texting while driving. One out of every four car accidents in the United States is caused by texting while driving. If you have take a photo and post it it's become visible worldwide.

