## **Pre-teens Need To Have Phones**

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"Mom all of my friends have phones why can't I", your child constantly asks. You know you didn't get a phone until you were in high school. But, the world is changing. I think their chanting again." I need a phone, I need a phone." You need to buy your pre-teen a phone. Pre-teens need to have cellphones because they will be safer, entertained, and have a better relationship with friends. There needs to be a change in your family.

Nobody denies, they will be safer. For example, if he or she gets lost they could call you to help them figure out where they are. If they is going or leaving a friends house they could call you and tell you what their plan is. If your pre-teen is going to or coming from school differently they could text or call you about the changes. My brother, Jordan, calls my mom when he goes as a walker instead of a bus rider, so that she knows he will be coming home earlier or later than usual. Jordan normally takes the bus home, so if your teen wants to go home a different way, like a walker, he can call my mom so that she knows that he will be home sooner. If your child doesn't have a phone, just picture how dangerous their life could be. Think about your pre-teen getting lost and they can't call you for help and you will be worried from the inside and out. The same thing will happen if they come home

Obviously, if your pre-teen is entertained there will be less tormenting and that causes less screaming and crying from both the pre-teen and their sibling. I know that some families think they are perfect, but nobody is perfect. So even if your pre-teen is an only child you will be less annoyed by what they say. Instead of annoying you he/she could be playing games like Geometry Dash or Crossey Roads. These things will entertain your pre-teen also he/she could call or text friends. Also, on long car or train trips your pre-teen will be entertained instead of asking if your there yet or when are you going to be there. When my family goes on a long trip we always bring an electronic, like phones, tablets, and DS', and we are all always entertained on a long road trip.

Certainly, your pre-teen will be in a better relationship with his/her friends. For example, they could stay in "touch" with friends by texting, emailing, or

calling. Your pre-teen could also, use social media with friends. I can see why you wouldn't like your pre-teen having social media, but you can make them have a private account, or if you don't want them to have social media you could just give a polite "no". If he/she keep asking tell them "you can have an account when you're a little older. If they still keep asking just say "The answer is no, it's for your safety. You can have a you tube account or a snapchat."

To conclude, Pre-teens need to have a cell phone because he/she will be safer, entertained, and have greater acquaintance. MAKE A DIFFERENCE NOW! Get your pre-teen a cell phone <u>NOW</u>. "I need a phone, I need a phone", Come on chant with me "I NEED A PHONE, I NEED A PHONE", Louder " <u>I NEED A</u> <u>PHONE, I NEED A PHONE"</u>. Get your pre-teen a phone now!!!!:)