

# Pokemon Go

Pokemon Go can be a very dangerous app if it is not used correctly. The app tells you how to use it properly, but most people don't pay attention to the warning and use the app improperly. In Documents A, B, C, and D written by Sarah E. Needleman, Bernard Marr, Manulife, and procon.org. They show how teenagers can get hurt while using the app. Teenagers who play the app are likely to be taken unwanted information from, lead into dangerous places, and causing injuries to themselves or others around them.

To start off, the game can take information that is on your phone. Document B said, "Pokemon Go uses your phone's location, your IP address, and the webpage you most recently visited before playing, all connected with your real name and account information, according to the game's privacy policy." Most people, especially teenagers, don't read through terms of services before agreeing to them. Teenagers may not know that the company has your real name and your IP address. This is a big problem because someone might hack into where they keep this information and instantly get the names and location of anyone who plays Pokemon Go. The possibility of what they can do with that information is limitless. Teenagers shouldn't play Pokemon Go unless they are accompanied by an adult or with multiple people.

To add to that, teenagers can be led to dangerous places by the app. Document A states, "The placement of poke's stops and gyms raise questions about whether players could get hurt searching unsafe areas—a dark alley or along a river, for example—particularly while staring at a smartphone screen." Teenagers get way too focused in the game that they forget to pay attention to their surroundings.

They could be walking into restricted areas or areas where they have never been before. The app developer assures us that they have blocked off roads and bodies of water so that we don't wander into them, but they don't provide proof as to how they do it. Some people could discover Pokemon in remote places that might not have been blocked off and get themselves in trouble with people or wild animals that live around there. Teenagers' safety is not 100% assured and therefore shouldn't be playing it.

To further elaborate, teenagers who play the game may be hurting themselves or others around them. Document D says, "News reporters say that users have tripped, fallen into a lake, crashed a car, and sustained other injuries while playing." Teenagers can be very reckless and not follow rules. The game reminds you that you should pay attention to what you're doing and not to drive while playing. They can not only hurt themselves, but can also hurt others. If a teenager were to be driving and playing the game they could crash and hit a person/persons. Teenagers should not play the game because of all the dangers that occur while they are playing the game. Other people might say it helps with your health and keeps you fit. I would say that your health would be the least of your problems if your life is at risk.

To conclude, Pokemon Go has many dangers around it. It is not safe for teenagers to play because they are very reckless. I think teenagers might be able to play it if they were less reckless, but how I see it now it is not good for them.