

# Impact of seeing pornography on children

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## Parental concerns



### Distorted view of healthy sex and relationships

52%

think a child may believe online pornography represents typical sex

48%

say it's improper sex education leaving a child with an unrealistic view of 'normal' sex

44%

feel it may impact children's understanding of what normal sexual relationships should look like

38%

believe it will set expectations to engage in specific sexual acts as part of a relationship

### Objectification of women and use of violence

47%

are concerned about poor portrayal of women in pornography including violence and abuse



34%

think children will become desensitised to brutal/violent content, becoming less upset, anxious or disgusted over time



### Impact on body image and self-esteem

27%

believe it encourages poor self-esteem as they judge themselves against the actors

34%

of parents say it harms their kid's body image (lack of confidence in their own body image)



### Lack of understanding of consent

36%

say it gives improper education about asking for and getting consent

### Addiction

33%

fear that children will become addicted to porn