

Children Being Mocked by Peers for Childhood Videos



WHY IT MATTERS

Children featured extensively online may eventually attend school alongside peers who can search years of their childhood footage. Videos that once seemed cute or funny can become material for teasing, humiliation or bullying.



INDIVIDUAL POSTS CAN BECOME A SEARCHABLE SCHOOL-YEARS ARCHIVE

Pause before publishing: future classmates are part of the possible audience.

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SAFEGUARDS 1-5

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THINK ABOUT THE SCHOOL YEARS

Today's toddler video may eventually be watched by teenage classmates.

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DON'T POST HUMILIATING MOMENTS

Embarrassing footage provides obvious material for teasing.

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KEEP TOILETING PRIVATE

Bathroom and potty-training content can become particularly humiliating later.

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PROTECT TANTRUMS AND MELTDOWNS

Emotional moments shouldn't become searchable entertainment.

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DON'T PUBLISH EMBARRASSING NICKNAMES

Childhood jokes can follow children into school.

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SAFEGUARDS 6-10

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PROTECT MEDICAL AND DEVELOPMENTAL INFORMATION

Peers don't need access to a child's private history.

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REVIEW CONTENT BEFORE SECONDARY SCHOOL

Reconsider older uploads as children approach adolescence.

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LISTEN TO THE CHILD

If they are embarrassed by existing content, take that concern seriously.

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REMOVE WHAT YOU CAN

Deleting or privatizing old material may reduce future exposure, even though copies may remain elsewhere.

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THINK LIKE A CLASSMATE

Before uploading, ask how another child could use the footage five or ten years from now.

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BOTTOM LINE

TODAY → SEARCHABLE ARCHIVE → TOMORROW

The audience watching a cute childhood video today could include the classmates using it against the child tomorrow.

1

PAUSE

Would their future self choose this?

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PROTECT

Keep vulnerable history private.

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REVIEW

Remove or privatize older material.

THINK AHEAD. PROTECT THEIR DIGNITY.