



# PURE+HOPE



## Christian Solutions in a Sexualized Culture

This model safe use agreement between parents and children provides guidelines for discussion and a basis for developing specific understanding and agreement.

Because we agree my mobile phone is a **privilege I have earned**, I will agree to these terms of its future use. I realize a mobile phone has extensive capabilities that can benefit me educationally and socially. I also recognize there are risks. You, as my parent(s), have entrusted me with this device and I understand **I need to use it responsibly** so its use brings no harm to me, any member of our family, or any of my friends.

I agree to the following principles in the use of my mobile phone and other devices (e.g., computers, tablets, iPods, gaming systems, etc.), recognizing that violations of these principles will lead to revocation of my privilege to use these devices:

- 1 I will not share any personal information, including my date of birth, address, phone number, or specifics about what school or church I attend. I recognize that sharing such information could lead to harm if it gets in the hands of someone who intends to hurt me. I fully recognize the threat this is to my safety.
- 2 In all my communication through the mobile phone, I will be respectful of others and will never threaten or bully anyone. My communication will always be truthful, kind, encouraging, and helpful.
- 3 I will never use vulgar or sexually explicit language, and if someone begins using such language with me, I will immediately hang up or delete the message and refuse further communication.
- 4 I recognize there is no such thing as real privacy when using my mobile phone, especially when connected to the Internet. I understand any text or photos I send or post about myself or anyone else on the Internet can be distributed across the world without my knowledge or permission. Even if I intend such communication to be private, I have no guarantee that will be the case.
- 5 I understand that persons whom I don't know are able to deceive me and may not be truthful about who they are and their intentions. I recognize it is impossible for me to really know that anyone I'm communicating with over the Internet is really who he/she says they are.
- 6 I will not post information on any social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter, or YouTube without first discussing it with you and getting your permission. I recognize that information shared on these websites is available to millions of people whom I do not know, some of whom intend to do great harm to others. I realize there are serious risks to posting thoughtless or inappropriate words or images and, in some instances, there may be legal consequences to posting sexual content or harassing comments.
- 7 In the use of my mobile phone, I will be completely open with you in terms of how I am using it, what I am communicating and what others are communicating to me.
- 8 I have earned your trust by obeying you as my parent(s) and I have every intention of continuing to do so. I willingly enter into this covenant agreement to be held accountable by you. By faithfully following these principles, we have agreed I will continue to enjoy the privilege of using my mobile phone and/or other wireless devices.

Parent(s) Signature(s)

Young Person Signature

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Date: \_\_\_\_\_