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Re: The Age verification for online wagering and online pornography

I am writing to support the inquiry into age verification for wagering and particularly for online pornography.

In January this year while camping with my 8 year old granddaughter I was shocked to find some graphic pornography on my iPhone. My Granddaughter had been using my phone to play some games and had been logging on to some Barbie Disney YouTube videos. The site was 'teenagers having sex'.

We have spoken to my granddaughter to ascertain how she came across these sites and it appears they 'popped up' automatically. Whatever the events were is unimportant. I am deeply saddened that at 8 years of age, she was subjected to what can only be described as filth and something that has taken away her innocence.

Any legislation that will make these sites less accessible to our youth should be considered top priority. I believe that 100% of young people have accessed some form of pornography before they have reached the age of 14! Those are terrible statistics. It should not surprise us that there is such a steep increase in domestic violence, murder, pedophilia, and a lack of value placed on women and children.

For the sake of our future generations, please make it mandatory that any porn sites have to get sufficient age verification.

