

Information Technology Acts

The advances in information technology that resulted in new ethical issues from both the Children's Internet Protection Act, 2000, and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), 1998 is the protection of minors using the internet. There are many things on the

internet that children should not see or quite understand. Creating these acts has helped to protect minors when using the internet.

The Children's Internet Protection Act, 2000, is an internet filter that protects all children in school's and/or libraries from harmful materials such as photographs and certain websites that would not be suitable for children. This act also protects children from landing on websites with pornographic material, pornographic images, nudity, etc. Not only are these the issues, but anything that CIPA would define as harmful to minors such as images, graphic images, inappropriate cartoons, or violence. This law has had an advantage all over the United States by protecting the eyes and minds of our young children. If not for this act put into place children would be in danger of harmful disadvantages over the internet. Children do not always know what is best and if they were to get onto an adult website from school or home, this would not only be bad for the children but the people in the schools and libraries could also get into trouble for these things. This act has advanced the way computer are being used in public places by protecting the children from harmful places on the internet.

The Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), 1998 is an act that was put into place to insure that children under the age of thirteen years old were not able to provide any information legally without the consent of their parent or guardian. This act details that a website operator must provide a privacy act on their website and what information must be provided. There must also be information provided to the parents about how the website takes on their responsibilities as an operator to protect children's privacy and online safety. This is an advantage to many parents and children that are using the internet because it helps to protect the information of children under thirteen, who may be too young to understand the harms of placing personal information on the internet; whereas thirteen and older may not quite understand what it means

to provide personal information over the internet, the older children are more aware of circumstances that may need consideration.

Overall the Children's Internet Protection Act, 2000, and the Children's Online Privacy Protection Act (COPPA), 1998 were both created and put into place to protect all minors. These acts have been advancement on the ways that technology is used today by using filters to protect children from harmful materials that are all over the internet.

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