

If The Behavior Falls Into One Of These Categories, The Behavior Must Be Stopped!



There comes a time when every mom and dad has to say "no" to their child so to protect and direct them. The eight sided stop sign is an excellent and simplified tool to teach the *why's* and *when's* of their parents "no's." (Optional: Copy and enlarge the Stop Sign on red heavy stock paper, then laminate and attach a magnet to the back to place on the refrigerator door. This makes it handy to help explain your reason for "no" to your child.)

Not Old Enough... to handle responsibility. Whether they're two or a new teen, I give options and my reasons so they understand what I mean.



Illegal... means a definite "no" from me and our country's laws. There are no if's or maybe's, but do explain the "because."



Dishonest... by their actions, words, or silence too. I need to trust and believe that everything they say is true.



Unhealthy... to their bodies — maybe to their minds, too. Their bodies are a gift and can't be fixed with Elmer's Glue.



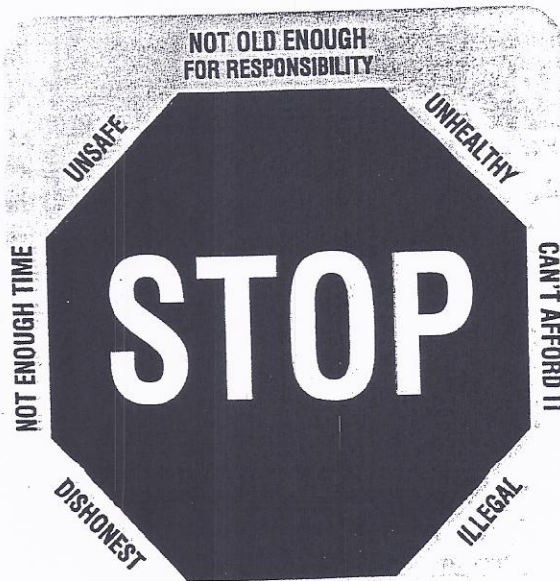
Inconsiderate... of someone's feelings, property, or even their privacy. Ask, "How would I feel if someone did this to me?"



Not Enough Time... is often a real answer to give them today. But if the request is worthy, find time another day.



Can't Afford It... even though all their friends may own one today. They might work and earn it. It will be more appreciated that way.



Unsafe... to themselves or to others it may hurt. Help them be aware and on "accident alert."



Help them memorize each side, so eight reasons they will know of when to say: "Stop." "I can't." "I won't." and "it's definitely no!"



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