

In my role as a high school teacher, at a Sydney all-boys high-school, I deal with adolescents every day who have an addiction to internet pornography.

Many of these young men find it difficult to fulfill their normal daily duties (including school work and spending time with family or friends) due to a "need" to access internet pornography for excessive amounts of time.

Many parents are not aware of the fact that their children are accessing pornographic content on the internet, or of the fact that pornography can be highly "addictive", particularly for young men, due to the hormonal/chemical response which take place in the brain when young men access pornography. Parents, and members of the public, also often fail to recognize the fact that pornography addiction is often a factor in the breakdown of marriages and/or families.

In the same way that parents and governments try to protect children from the potential damage caused by smoking/alcohol/drugs, it is imperative that the government take steps to minimize the harm that pornography is causing to many young people.