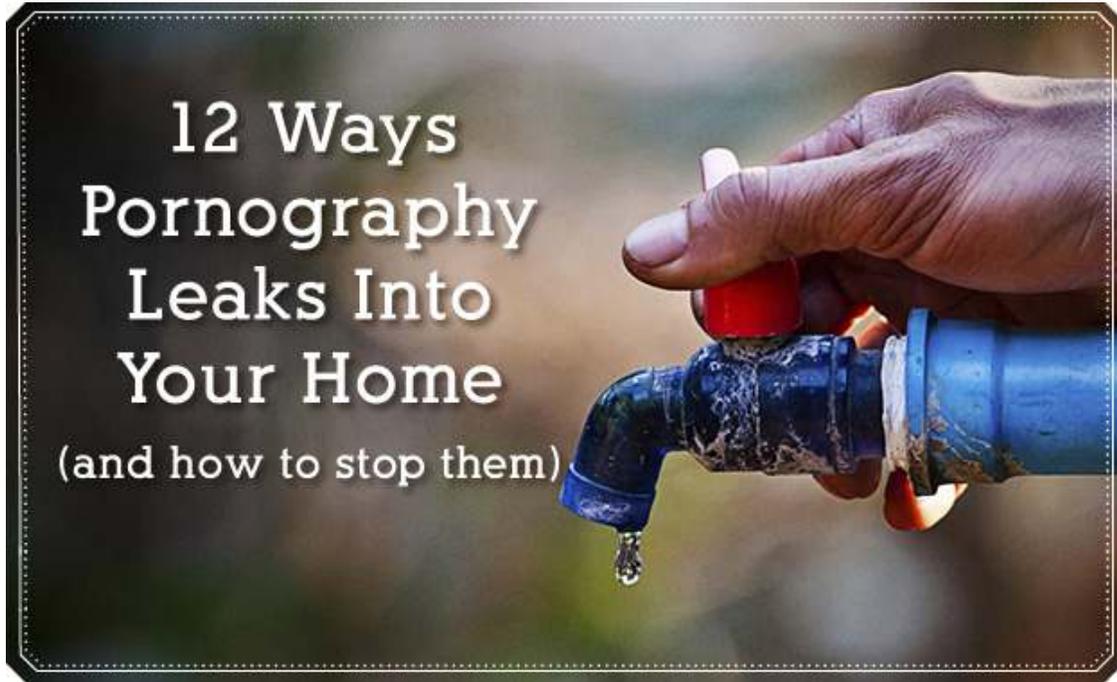


# 12 Ways Pornography Leaks Into Your Home (and How to Stop Them)

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A list of 12 places to watch out for and how you can help shore up your walls against this modern plague.



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A few weeks ago, my wife and I took our two young kids to a neighborhood party. When we arrived, we scouted the food, grabbed something tasty, and made our way over to a couple of neighbors we recognized. After talking for a while, somehow the conversation turned to our kids and the schools. And that's when it happened. Our neighbor told us the story of how her young boy (he's only in the second grade) was exposed to pornography. Pornography... in the second grade. I looked over at my son and daughter. How was I going to protect them? How could I keep them from being exposed to such disgusting filth at such a young age? How could I keep them innocent for as long as possible? As I've had a few weeks to recover from the initial shock, I realize it's impossible to put my children in a bubble and protect them from everything bad in the world (even though I plan to try my hardest for as long as I can). But I can make a plan to keep pornography out of my home. I can create a family plan with standards and boundaries, being proactive to protect my home with filters on electronic devices. In this article, you'll find 12 ways pornography may be leaking into your home without you even knowing it. We've also included a few recommendations on how to fix any leak that may be causing damage to your family.

1. **Mobile Devices** - One of the most common culprits of bringing pornography into your home undetected. While many families have web filters installed on their home computers, filtering software for tablets and phones is much less common. How to fix the leak: Instead of using web filters that are only installed on your family computer, try installing filters at the entry-point into your home. A quick google search will reward you with thousands of options for routers (filtering any and all internet devices in your home) and other similar options. If your family uses Apple devices, be sure to check out this article [about how to set up parental controls on iPhones, iPads, and other Apple devices.](#)

2. **YouTube Ads and Related Videos** - Even though Google (the owner of YouTube) has recently announced they will no longer allow pornographic ads on their ad services, we've yet to discover what they deem "pornographic." Much of the time, even the related videos in the sidebar on YouTube.com can get a little

dicey. How to fix the leak: There are lots of options for removing related videos on YouTube. One widely accepted option (10 million+ users) is **AdBlock Plus** which not only turns off related videos, but also filters out ads and other content that may be questionable.

3. Shopping Catalogs - Believe it or not, direct mailers landing in your physical mail box can be a common (if less obvious) way for family members to get access to pornography. Although the content in a shopping catalog may not be deemed "explicit," it can be a gateway to more hardcore pornography. How to fix the leak: Try using an **anti-spam service** like **41pounds.org** for your physical mailbox. There are a handful of services out there that will actually help you unsubscribe from physical mailing services. Most of these services are marketed under the premise of saving the environment, but they can be used to protect your family from pornography as well.

4. Previews & Deleted Scenes in Your DVD collection - Have you ever noticed that little disclaimer at the beginning of your DVDs? It reads something like this: "bonus features and deleted scenes, not rated." That's right. Just because your teen is watching a movie rated PG or PG-13 by the MPAA doesn't mean the additional content found on the same disc isn't potentially R-rated or worse. How to fix the leak: Filtering DVD content has been a hard-to-reach goal. A major challenge: the film industry holds copyright to films which gives them the "exclusive rights" to alter their own movies. So what to do? Try tossing out your bonus features discs (most people don't use them anyway) and teaching your children about the dangers of unrated bonus content.

5. Netflix, Hulu+, etc. accounts - We don't have cable anymore at my house, which means we avoid a lot of filth on cable and satellite TV. But it also means that we have signed up for Netflix, Hulu+, and Amazon Prime which potentially bring filth back into our home. Plus there is technology like AppleTV, Google Chromecast, and Amazon FireTV (all of which allow you to stream content from the web right to your TV. How to fix the leak: The first option is easy: unsubscribe to these services. But if you want to still use services like Netflix or Hulu+, look into their filters and kid-friendly channels. Hulu has parental controls and so does Netflix. Take the extra time to set up filters and controls to keep your family safe.

6. TV Commercials - Watching primetime television can be a risky proposition. Even when the content is family friendly, the advertisements can pose a threat. How to fix the leak: Again, there are a couple of options. First, you could simply not watch television. But a more realistic approach would be to turn the TV off or change the channel during commercial breaks, or avoid watching shows on live TV in the first place. Using a DVR or service like TiVo to pre-record shows lets you skip commercials. Alternatively, watch shows online having applied other precautions from tips 2 & 5 in this article.

7. Kids' friends and schoolmates - difficult territory. What do you do when one of your child's schoolmates exposes your son or daughter to pornography? You can't simply buy a friend filter or just lock up your child. How to fix the leak: With the growing ease with which kids can share content with each other (think social media, texting, and other mobile apps mentioned in #12), there's a greater need than ever *to teach your children correct principles about making friends, standing up for what's right, and having the courage to walk away from a bad situation* (even when "walking away" means closing a browser window). See <http://pornproofkids.com/> for lots of tips. They are on Facebook, too.

8. Mobile Game Ads - I'm not a big mobile gamer. But I've admittedly played my share of Angry Birds, 2048, Candy Crush and the like. I'm appalled by some of the ads that pop up on my game. Why does an ad with a half-dressed woman (cartoon or otherwise) make sense on a game for kids? How to fix the leak: Aside from ad-blockers (there are mobile versions of the software mentioned in tip #2), another great way to reduce the chance of seeing ads during games is to *put your mobile phone in airplane mode*. This cuts off access to the internet (which most ads need in order to load properly) and allows you (or your kids) to play games without inappropriate interruptions.

9. Music and Album Art - Pandora, Grooveshark, Spotify, and the never-ending list of music apps are a great way for you and your family to discover and enjoy new music. But what happens when discovering new

music goes sour? Depending on your listening habits, you may eventually find yourself with inappropriate artwork or lyrics showing up on your screen without asking for it. How to fix the leak: Be vigilant when it comes to telling services like Pandora what you do and do not like in terms of music and lyrics. Adjust your user settings. Click the "thumbs down" button when inappropriate music comes on. These kinds of measures will reduce the risk of being exposed to the wrong kind of music.

10. Video games - Even video games that seem harmless may have dangerous or inappropriate content inside. Racing games are notorious for animations of scantily clad women. Fantasy/Sci-Fi games may portray sexual activity. Regardless of the genre, it's important to be careful which games we allow in our homes. How to fix the leak: First, be smart about which games you let your children play. Use the ESRB rating system ("E for Everyone," "T for Teen," etc.), but be sure to use it wisely. Even a Teen rating on a game may not be suitable for teens in your home as they "May contain violence, suggestive themes, crude humor, minimal blood, simulated gambling and/or infrequent use of strong language." Even the "E 10+" rating (ok for everyone older than 10) mentions there may be "minimal suggestive themes." Additionally, sit down and play the games with your kids, or at least watch them play to be sure the game complies with your standards.

11. Books - With all the talk of technology, mobile apps, YouTube videos, and online streaming, it can be easy for us to forget about one of the oldest culprits of leaking pornography into our homes: books. Mostly, books are meant to be cherished. Reading should be encouraged. What parent wouldn't rather see their kid spending time with a quality book than playing games on their devices? But now and again, books may contain material that's simply inappropriate. How to fix the leak: Avoid and teach your family to avoid novels with questionable artwork on the cover. Take time to read reviews for books your children are interested in before buying the book or checking it out from the library. Teach your children what to do if they start reading something they feel uncomfortable with. Remember, just because there are no pictures doesn't mean something can't be pornographic in nature.

12. Apps like SnapChat, Gaggle, and more - Check out an article entitled: "[7 Risky Apps All Parents Should Know About.](http://www.ldsliving.com/7-Risky-Apps-All-Parents-Should-Know-About/s/75855)" <http://www.ldsliving.com/7-Risky-Apps-All-Parents-Should-Know-About/s/75855>

These are the apps discussed: Snapchat, YikYak, Gaggle, Kik Messenger, Omegle, Frontline Commando and Whisper. The list of dangerous apps is always growing and changing and it's important to know what your family is using on their mobile devices, why, and how often. How to fix the leak: Encourage your kids to be open and honest with you about what apps they use on their phones or tablets. Have a "no secret password" policy in your family where your family members either forego the use of passwords on their devices or share their passwords with you, the parent. From time to time, take an inventory of which apps your family members have downloaded, what they seem to spend most time on, and what the purpose or content of the app entails. If necessary, use a service like **KytePhone** which allows you to set time limits, block calls from strangers, and more.

A HUGE disclaimer - At the end of the day, there's no perfect way to protect our families from the growing pornographic content found on the internet and through all the channels listed in this article. The most important thing you can do is to teach your family important values and principles they can use to make smart decisions.

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- . Taking appropriate action against businesses that deal in pornographic materials.
- . Supporting businesses that do not distribute pornographic materials.
- . Supporting federal and state legislation to control obscenity and child pornography.
  - . Providing help for those struggling with addiction to pornography.
  - . Protecting minors against exposure to pornography