

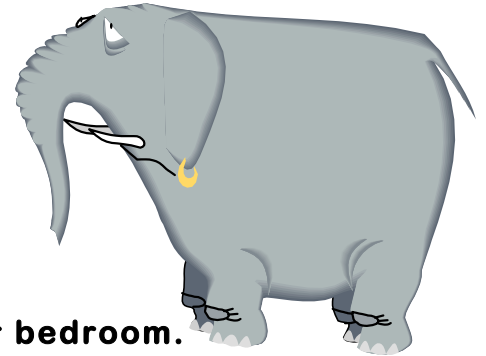


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EXCUSES! EXCUSES!

Don't make these excuses for your children!

- My child never lies.
- I would never invade her/his privacy.
- But he/she is in sports.
- It's just a stage. We all go through it.
- It's okay if they close the bedroom door.
- My child tells me everything.
- Things are so different these days.
- They're only texting. It's not a big deal.
- I guess it's okay to have a computer in their bedroom.
- I guess it's okay to have a television in their bedroom.
- My child feels more secure if he has a cell phone.
- But it's only for emergency use.



If you've heard your child make these excuses...

- All my friends are going.
- You don't trust me.
- I need to close the bedroom door so no one bothers us.
- Everybody has one.
- I called you when I got there.
- All the kids wear this.
- It's only a PG-13 movie.
- What's the big deal to get dropped off at the mall?
- My friend's brother said it was safe and ok.
- My brother said it was ok to go on the Internet alone.

**...then it's time to open the lines
of communication.**