

## DWA Essay

The dangerous encounters of Pokemon Go players have risen many safety issues.

Pokemon Go is an app known widely around the world that lets the player find pokemons while walking around in real life. The mobile app uses Google Maps and your real world GPS location and randomly spawns in pokemon anywhere besides roadways, airport runs, bodies of water, and other areas. According to document A by Sarah E. Needleman, Document B by Bernard Marr, document D adapted by ProCon.org, and lastly, Document E adapted by Psychology Today, the app Pokemon has many safety issues that need to be fixed. Pokemon Go should not be played by teenagers because it leads people into areas where they don't belong, it requires lots of data, and suspects have been targeting victims using the Pokemon Go app, we need to be aware of our surrounding so we can stay safe and protected.

To begin with, the Pokemon Go app has lead many people into places where they should not go. Pokemon Go is made for people to get out of their house and exercise, but some people lose place where they are and they stare at their screens not being aware of their surroundings. According to document A by Sarah E. Needleman, "The game could lead people into areas where they don't belong, such as construction sites or shuttered storefronts," (p.3.) This safety issue needs to be considered by the makers of this app or else they get blamed for the injuries of the players. Players of the app can discover Pokemon in remote areas, like forested areas in cities, where you could easily get lost in. Document A also explains that, "The company also declined to provide a list of fence-off location or discuss how it selects those spots," (p.5.) How will we know that the app should be trusted if they won't give their layers information about it? In my opinion, the app is not credible and it should not be trusted. How

do we know that they are not doing it on purpose? For this reason, teenager should not play the app and they should consider other app that are much better than Pokemon Go.

To add on to that, the pokemon go app requires lots of data because you need to use your internet connection to allow the app to work. Problems with the app include what the company collects from it and they do with your information. According to document B, "Pokemon Go requires data-and lots of it- and problems have arisen with what the app collects, and what the company is doing with it," (p.1.) You cannot play the app if you have limited amount of storage and you should probably save the storage for something like an important phone call. Also, the app has been collecting information about you and you never know if it's personal information like contacts, passwords, or even where you live. Another example said by Bernard Marr explains, "People never read the lengthy terms of service agreements they're voluntarily giving away," (p.4.) I, myself never read the terms of service and should start reading them now so nothing horrible happens to me. Like I said, the apps collect information and we don't even know what they collect. Teenagers should stop playing the app in order to insure protection for themselves.

Last but not least, critics of the game say that when distracted players are outside, they are being targeted by criminals. The Pokemon Go app users should be aware of the people they are next to and who they use the app with. According to document D by ProCon.org, "Be mindful of what you play online, a string of armed robberies perpetrated by suspects who targeted their victims using Pokemon Go," (P.3.) If someone is playing the app at night, they are even in more danger because they can't see if intruders are around them. They need to always stay with someone they know while playing the app in order to stay safe. People may

say that the app helps people be more interactive with others and be more social, however they need to choose wisely where they play the app in order to keep distance from suspicious people. Teenager should not play the app in order to keep a safe distance away from strangers.

In conclusion, the Pokemon Go app leads people into areas where they don't belong, it requires lots of data, and suspects have been targeting victims using the Pokemon Go app.

Teenagers should be aware of their surroundings so they can be save. The aap is dangerous and can be harmful to many people

My score was a 4 & a 4.