

## ***What is White Ribbon Week?*** (White Ribbon Against Pornography, or WRAP)

**Purpose:** To increase public awareness of parents and students about the following facts:

1. Many parents and children/teens are not aware of the quickness of pornography addiction, the ease of acquiring inappropriate pictures or sexual information, etc.
2. Inappropriate images can't be erased from the mind and they influence actions. Children/teens need to abandon the "everybody's seeing these things" mindset and be responsible for what goes into their minds.
3. Sexual addiction can occur within a week and easily within three months for many people.
4. Entry into pornography addiction can be inappropriate swimsuit or lingerie images.
5. "Crash and Tell" and other Internet safety ideas can protect children. Knowledge gives parents and children/teens the wisdom they need to today's world.

**Time:** During the month of February or March, so as not to conflict with Red Ribbon week and other programs in the fall.

**Format:** Patterned after Red Ribbon Week

**Source:** It began in 1987 when Norma Norris heard a sermon delivered against pornography delivered by her pastor in Butler, PA. Soon after, she conceived the idea of a simple white ribbon as a symbol of decency.

**Sponsor:** Citizens for Families – Coalition for Community Standards [www.strengthenfamily.net](http://www.strengthenfamily.net).

**Overall Plan:** Provide suggestions and information for parents and for the White Ribbon Week at elementary schools, junior high schools and high schools.

### **How can I do a White Ribbon Week in an Elementary School?**

Magician show: Brad Barton, 801-791-9017, [brad@bradbartonspeaks.com](mailto:brad@bradbartonspeaks.com). Brad's research-based programs equip youth to make positive choices. Brad will use his magic tricks to demonstrate how pornography is not "the real thing" -- you have to be in charge of what you allow in your mind.

Brite Music at [www.Britemusic.com](http://www.Britemusic.com) has a tape and music, "Protect Their Minds." The Sing-Along Activity Book has pictures that, with permission, could be duplicated and colored. Call 1-800-458-2748

Assembly: Any mother could use the ideas from the article included here called "Guarding What Goes Into Our Children's Minds"

Distribute the "Crash and Tell" Sheet included here.

Have a coloring contest.

Take safety information to parents: i.e. "Don't talk to strangers." Tie into Internet safety.

Borrow grocery shopping bags. Guide children to decorate them or label them "PORN NO", "KEEP MINDS CLEAN" or appropriate pictures. Return the bags to the grocery store to use as they bag groceries.

Send home to parents the "Prevention Plan: A Parent's Checklist" that is included here.

Display posters in classrooms, or send copies home to parents. Posters can be copied from [www.strengthenfamily.net](http://www.strengthenfamily.net) under White Ribbon Program. Ideas below might be adapted.

Sponsor a speaker to give parents needed information, or show the video, "Protecting Your Family in Today's World." Additional source: the book, *To Strengthen the Family*, available in a nondenominational or LDS version from [www.strengthenfamily.net](http://www.strengthenfamily.net).