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## **ChatGPT to get parental controls after teen's death**

American AI firm OpenAI said Tuesday it would add parental controls to its chatbot ChatGPT, a week after an American couple said the system encouraged their teenaged son to kill himself. "Within the next month, parents will be able to... link their account with their teen's account" and "control how ChatGPT responds to their teen with age-appropriate model behaviour rules", the generative AI company said. Parents will also receive notifications "when the system detects their teen is in a moment of acute distress". Matthew and Maria Raine argue in a lawsuit filed last week in a California court that ChatGPT cultivated an intimate relationship with their son Adam over several months

in 2024 and 2025 before he took his own life. The lawsuit alleges that in their final conversation on April 11, 2025, ChatGPT helped Adam steal vodka from his parents and provided technical analysis of a noose he had tied, confirming it "could potentially suspend a human". Adam was found dead hours later, having used the same method.

## **WA patches exploit allowing hackers to target Apple users**

WhatsApp has patched a security vulnerability that allowed sophisticated attacks against Apple devices of "specific targeted users". The messaging app said its vulnerability, chained with a bug found in iOS and iPadOS, allowed hackers to exploit and steal information from Apple devices. A researcher said the malicious campaign lasted about 90 days, adding other apps may also have been hit. WhatsApp said less than 200 users were targeted.

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That means ChatGPT, which advises others, is itself not wise enough to anticipate vulnerability of children of

impressionable age. You will see that every electronic gadget launched in market is touted as AI empowered.

Both as a user and as a lawyer who is studying legal framework required for AI, I have my own doubts about AI. It is turning out to be a utility service. It is serving general public service. Government is legally empowered to regulate it. Product liability needs to be enforced for AI. A few months back we noticed how sophisticated aircraft crashed shortly after takeoff ( see my post: <https://lawyerics.ai/project/2025-07-20-ai-regulatory-legislation/>). Though probe for the mishap is stated to be in progress yet practically everything will end up in controversy. Hardly anything will come out clearly before public that over-complication of the machinery itself might have been the reason that one of its components failed. The more we enjoy automation the more danger we create for ourselves. So is the case for AI.

There is nothing called intelligence in AI. It is all discerning of some patterns from collection of large amount of data, and then to do abstraction of patterns into an information which may be similar to human thinking. There are different models of AI launched by different developers. Nature has not prepared different models.

Nature has given us one intelligence and we use it differently. But in AI, one model is helpful for one task and the other in other task. That is my personal experience. And sometimes, it lands me in trouble at difficult time when I look for some urgent help.

The best policy for use of AI which is available in market these days is to use it as an assistive tool but not to give up natural our natural decision-making process. The natural intelligence contains something which is really natural – something based on our experience, intuition and perception. That is nature's gift. It satisfies our inner urge. AI cannot take its place.

