

Apps Parents Should Know



ASK.FM is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.



DISCORD is an app that allows users to talk to friends or strangers via text, voice, or video chat while playing video games.



KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message a user. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features and are given unlimited access to talk to strangers.



BADOO is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos/videos, and connect with users based on location.



GRINDR is a dating app geared towards LGBTQ+ individuals. The app gives users options to chat, share photos, and meet up based on GPS location.



LIVE.ME is a live-streaming app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can use "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.



BUMBLE is similar to the dating app "Tinder", but requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use this app by creating fake accounts and falsifying their age.



HOLLA is an app that allows users to meet people all over the world. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs and explicit content.



MEETME is a dating social media app that allows people to connect based on location and users are encouraged to meet in person.



CALCULATOR% is one of SEVERAL secret or "ghost" apps that is used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.



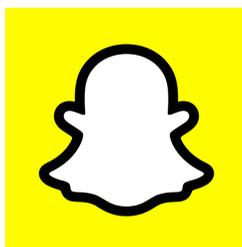
HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in the area, and chat with strangers.



OMEGLE is a chat app that connects users with strangers. Criminals use the app to exploit children, often recording the video chat and using it to black mail for additional content.



REDDIT is a discussion board app. Users can post whatever they want without identity verification. Reviewers report coming into contact with racial slurs, explicit content, cyberbullying, and more.



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users that they can take a photo/video that will disappear, new features including "stories" allows users to view content for up to 24 hours.



TIKTOK is an app that is popular with kids and is used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are very vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.



WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemail, make calls, and video chats worldwide.



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet in person.



SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account using a different age.