

APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

Its important to pay attention to what apps your children are engaging with and their purposes

DATING

BADOO



Dating and social networking app where users chat, share photos and videos, connect based on location. Intended for adults, used commonly by teens.

MESSAGING

CHATOUS



A messaging app where users chat and share images. Common for predators to engage with potential victims.

MEET NEW PEOPLE

AMIGO



Amigo is a social media app that connects stranger from around the world with features that remove language barriers. The more the app is used, the more features that become available.

WINK



Wink is an app similar to Tinder where users swipe to accept or decline users. Once connected the individuals can chat, play games together, share photos, and share location.

BUMBLE



Similar to "Tinder" however, females make the first contact. Kids have been known to lie about their age utilizing this app.

HOUSEPARTY



Group video chat app that allows users to communicate through live video. While a great option for friends to chat, users may speak with people they do not know.

HOLLA



Holla is a video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world. The app is known for cyberbullying and explicit content.

MEETME



MEETME is a dating app that people meet based on geographic location.

GRINDR



GRINDR is a dating app marketed towards gay, bi, and transgender individuals. Individuals can chat, share photos, and meet based on location.

MONKEY



An app geared towards users 12 and older to meet in a call and then add each other on Snapchat.

HIPAL



HiPal is a social media app that acts as a walkie-talkie. Individuals are instructed to select 12- or 12+ with no age verification. Individuals can share photos and private videos.

OMEGLE



Video chat app with random strangers

SKOUT



SKOUT is a location based dating app. Minors are not able to share private photos, but individuals are able to lie about their age.

SNAPCHAT



A highly popular app where users can share photos and messages that delete themselves.

KIK



A messaging app that can be used by anybody over 13. Anybody can add anybody.

YUBO



Yubo is a social media app that allows users to create a profile, share their location, view others profiles. Substance use, profanity, and other explicit content is common.

TINDER



An online dating platform based on location that allows users to swipe to match with one another and chat.

HOT OR NOT



Strangers rate a users appearance with the goal of meeting up in the local area.

LIVE.ME



Users live stream videos using location. Users can earn "coins" and "pay" for images/videos.

ZOOMERANG



Messaging app that allows private and anonymous messaging based on location.

CONTENT BASED

TIKTOK



An entertainment app used to create and share short videos with limited privacy. Can be used for education, but users are vulnerable to explicit content and cyberbullying.

INSTAGRAM



Many kids create alternative accounts called "finstas" that are known for explicit content and cyberbullying.

FACEBOOK



Facebook is not meant for young persons and there are many predators that create fake profiles to "catfish" or prey on minors.

ANONYMOUS

ASK.FM



ASK.FM is known for supporting cyberbullying. The anonymous app allows people to ask questions of one another.

YOLO



Yolo allows users to communicate anonymously over Snapchat. It can lead to luring, grooming, and cyberbullying.

VOXER



A push to talk app where users can send recorded audio between each other. Frequently used for cyberbullying or obscene messages.

BURN BOOK



Anonymous content can be posted through audio messages, texts, and photos.

TELLONYM



Anonymous messaging app with no age validation. Commonly features explicit content.

CALCULATOR%



Calculator% is one of many apps used to hide internet activity, files, photos, videos, and audio recording.

WHISPER



Whisper is a social network that allows individuals to share anonymous secrets and reveals the users location.

TELEGRAM



A messaging app that is self destructing. Anybody of any age can be added. The messages disappear instantly.