

















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yik yak		An app that allows users to post text-only “Yaks” of up to 200 characters. The messages can be viewed by the 500 Yakkers who are closest to the person who wrote the Yak, as determined by GPS tracking.	Users are exposed to and are contributing sexually explicit content, derogatory language and personal attacks. Although the posts are anonymous, kids start revealing personal information as they get more comfortable with other users.
whisper		Whisper is an anonymous confession app. It allows users to superimpose text over a picture in order to share their thoughts and feelings anonymously. However, you post anonymously, but it displays the area you are posting from. You can also search for users posting within a mile from you.	Due to the anonymity, kids are posting pics of other kids with derogatory text superimposed on the image. Also, users do not have to register to use Whisper and can use the app to communicate with other users nearby through GPS. A quick look at the app and you can see that online relationships are forming through the use of this app, but you never know the person behind the computer or phone. Sexual predators also use the app to locate kids and establish a relationship. A man in Seattle, Wash., was charged with raping a 12-year-old girl he met on this app in 2013.
Ask.fm		Ask.fm is one of the most popular social networking sites that is almost exclusively used by kids. It is a Q&A site that allows users to ask other users questions while remaining anonymous.	Kids will often ask repeated derogatory questions that target one person. Due to the anonymity of the badgering, it creates a virtually consequence-free form of cyber-bullying. Ask.fm has been associated with nine documented cases of suicide in the U.S. and the U.K.
down		This app, which used to be called Bang With Friends, is connected to Facebook. Users can categorize their Facebook friends in one of two ways: They can indicate whether or not a friend is someone they'd like to hang with or someone they are “down” to hook-up with.	Although identifying someone you are willing to hook-up with doesn't mean you will actually hook-up with them, it creates a hook-up norm within a peer group. Depending on your sexual values, this might be something you don't want for your child. Also, because of the classification system, a lot of kids will feel left out or unwanted, which can lead to anxiety, etc.
tumblr		Many children and young teens are also active on this 17+ photo-sharing app. It can also be used for sharing videos and chatting	Common Sense Media says Tumblr is "too raunchy for tykes" because users can easily access pornographic, violent, and inappropriate content. Common Sense also notes that users need to jump through hoops to set up privacy settings — and until then, all of a user's photo and content is public for all to see. Mental health experts say that Tumblr can be damaging to adolescents' mental health because it tends to glorify self-harm and eating
After School		This app is a message board that students can join by scanning their school I.D. or Facebook profile. While the scanning feature provides some security from outside users, once in the app, the user is anonymous.	However, this app effortlessly creates drama and conflict among users because they all attend the same school. Students are able to freely post about anything. This year, a single school had problems with posts that included topless photos, alarmingly vulgar posts from males talking about fellow female students, and more. There is even a section where students can scan their driver's license and enter a discussion only for students ages 17 and up, openly creating an environment for the discussion of more explicit material.
voxer		This walkie-talkie PTT (push-to-talk) app allows users to quickly exchange short voice messages. They can have chats going on with multiple people at a time and just have to tap the play button to hear any messages they receive. Although it largely has an adult following, including some people who use it for their job, it's becoming popular among teens who enjoy its hybrid style of texting and talking.	Hurtful messages from cyberbullies can be even more biting when they're spoken and can be played repeatedly. Surprisingly, the app is rated ages 4+ in the App Store

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Vaulty		Snaps a photo of anyone trying to access the "vault" with wrong password: Intention is to hide information
"Audio Manager"		Deceptive app disguises itself as "Audio Manager", but hides other apps, messages, and media behind a locked screen
HiCalculator		Looks like a calculator, but allows users to hide photos, videos and messages

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Kik		An instant messaging app with over 100 million users that allows users to exchange videos, pics and sketches. Users can also send YouTube videos and create memes and digital gifs.	Kids using the app for sexting and sending nude selfies through the app is common. The term "sext buddy" is being replaced with "Kik buddy." Kids use Reddit and other forum sites to place classified ads for sex by giving out their Kik usernames. Also, Kik does not offer any parental controls and there is no way of authenticating users, thus making it easy for sexual predators to use the app to interact with minors.
Tinder		An app that is used for hooking-up and dating. Users can rate profiles and find potential hook-ups via GPS location tracking. 450 million profiles are rated every day! The good news is, this app pulls information from user's Facebook profiles, so it is more authenticated than other apps.	It is easy for adults and minors to find one another. Also, due to the ratings system, it is often used for cyber-bullying, because a group of kids can target another kid and purposefully make his/her rating go down.
snapchat		This app allows a user to send photos and videos to anyone on his/her friend list. The sender can determine how long the receiver can view the image and then the image "deconstructs" after the allotted time.	It is the #1 app used for sexting, mostly because people think it is the safer way to sext. However, the "snaps" can easily be recovered and the receiver can take a screen shot and share it with others. Also, a lot of images from Snapchat get posted to revenge porn sites, called "snap porn."
blendr		A flirting app used to meet new people through GPS location services. You can send messages, photos, videos, rate the hotness of other users, etc.	There are no authentication requirements, so sexual predators can contact minors, minors can meet up with adults. And again, the sexting.
Omegle		This app is primarily used for video chatting. When you use Omegle, you do not identify yourself through the service. Instead, chat participants are only identified as "You" and "Stranger." However, you can connect Omegle to your Facebook account to find chat partners with similar interests. When choosing this feature, an Omegle Facebook App will receive your Facebook "likes" and try to match you with a stranger with similar likes.	Sexual predators use this app to find kids to collect personal information from in order to track them down more easily in person.
vine		Vine allows users to create short, six second, looping videos and share them with their friends and family to see	While many of the videos are harmless, but inappropriate videos can pop up in your teens feed, exposing them to sexually explicit material. Predators have been using this app to search for teens by location, and connect with them through other messaging apps.
ooVoo		ooVoo is a free video, voice, and messaging app. Users can have group chats with up to 12 people for free -- and it's common for kids to log on after school and keep it open while doing homework. Maybe they're using it for group study sessions?	You can only chat with approved friends. Users can only communicate with those on their approved contact lists, which can help ease parents' safety concerns. It can be distracting. Because the service makes video-chatting so affordable and accessible, it also can be addictive. A conversation with your kids about multitasking may be in order.

grindr		Grindr is a geosocial networking application (or app) geared towards gay and bisexual men, designed to help such men meet others in their area. It runs on iOS and Android. It is believed to be primarily used as a hookup app	Though the app requires people using it to be at least 18, there isn't a way that it ensures it. So it makes it easier for underage kids to use it. Since it works based on location and there is no swiping or any other process involved, people can directly contact someone who is close by. This might make underage kids an easy target for predators and there have been instances in the past of such predatory activity, mugging, kidnap, sexual assault and trafficking.

List of Websites that may be dangerous for your kids to use

<https://www.seekingarrangement.com/>

<http://chatrandom.com/>

<https://chaturbate.com/>

<http://chatroulette.com/>