Dangerous APPS

Keeping Your Children Safe Online!

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Facebook is still around but...

Mom and Dad are on Facebook

Pop Quiz

NAME THAT APP… *We will start with an easy one*

Snapchat

Snapchat

Intended use:

- *Allows people to capture an image or video and make it available to the recipient only for a SPECIFIC TIME, then automatically DISAPPEARS FOREVER*

How it is misused:

- *This App makes kids feel much more comfortable “sexting” with others*

NAME THAT APP...

SnapHack

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Intended use:

- *SnapHack will allow the photo or video sent via SnapChat to be saved onto the recipient's camera roll where it can be viewed, edited, and sent to others.*

How it is misused:

- *Seemingly "private" photos and videos received through SnapChat can be used to bully, harass, and/or humilate the sender.*

NAME THAT APP...

BackChat

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Intended use:

- *Allows the recipient of an anonymous text to **judge what is being said** before they **judge who said it**.*
  - *Allows children to send and receive "text messages" even without having cellular service. Such as iPads.*

How it is misused:

- It is a guessing game of who is texting who, but could hurt kids by receiving inappropriate texts without knowing who is responsible.

NAME THAT APP...

Omegle

Omegle

Intended use:

- *Omegle is a free online **video and chat app** that randomly "pairs" users in one-on-one anonymous "You" and "Stranger" chat sessions without having to register.*

How it is misused:

- ***This app is filled with adults searching for sexual chat**. Some prefer to do so live; others offer children links to porn websites; and since the **chats are anonymous**, they're often much more explicit.*

NAME THAT APP...

kik messenger

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Intended use:

- *A free alternative texting service without using phone numbers, just usernames.*
- *Allows texts / pictures to be sent without being logged in the phone history.*

How it is misused:

- *It's a very easy tool for **"sexting"** with more of a feel of being face to face.*
- *This handy App allows children to send private messages that their parents can't see.*
- *Impossible to verify the indentity of someone on kik.*
- *Poses the risk of sexual predators chatting with children to solicit photos and **cyberbullying**.*

NAME THAT APP...

Yik Yak

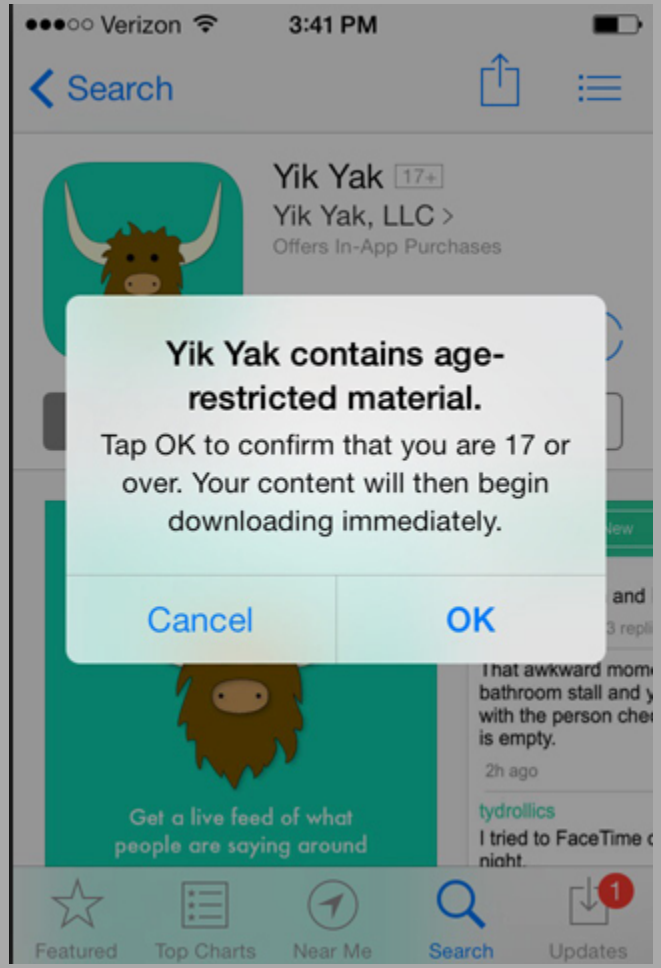
Yik Yak

Intended use:

- *To be an authentic way for adults to connect with their communities and find their "herds"*
- *To foster rich communities and to push the boundaries on what it means to be a social platform.*
- *Allows the user to post completely anonymous comments (without having to create a profile or account) that are accessible to the **nearest 500 people (within a 1.5 mile radius) via GPS tracking ability.***

How it is misused:

- *It can turn a school into a **"virtual chat room"** where everyone can post his or her comments, anonymously, taking "cyberbullying" to a whole new level.*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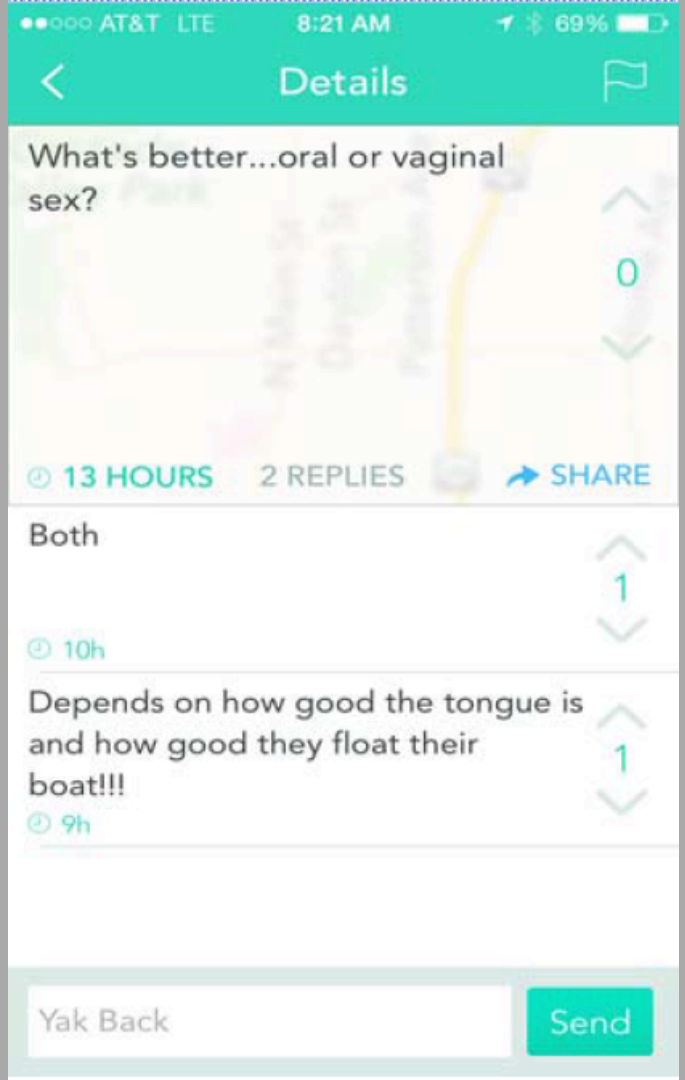

Standing just inside the same middle school at 8:21 am...

Yik Yak

- *“The creators of Yik Yak decided to disseminate the technological equivalent of crack cocaine on America...”*
  - Keith Ablow, Fox News Pyschiatrist

- This is quite possibly one of the most dangerous Apps a child can have on their phone.

- On July 15, 2015, Yik Yak announced that its users will be allowed to post photos, along with their coments.

Geofencing

- Geofencing is a technology that defines a virtual boundary around a real-world geographical area.
- In doing so, a radius of interest is established that can trigger an action in a geo-enabled phone or other portable electronic device.
- Deer Park has established a Geofence with Yik Yak. Students can’t use Yik Yak in or around our school buildings.

NAME THAT APP...

Instagram

Instagram

Intended use:

- A popular photo and 15 second video sharing app that is easily shared with other “followers” who can “like” the photo or video.

How it is misused:

- Students can post embarrassing photos of others with a caption or to make cruel or humiliating comments about a photo posted by someone else.
  - The victim is not notified about the photo or comments, resulting in the victim being harassed or humiliated without knowing why.
- Private text messages can be posted by taking a “screenshot” of the text and posting it.
- It is a way for students to be targeted by predators as “followers”.

NAME THAT APP...

iFunny

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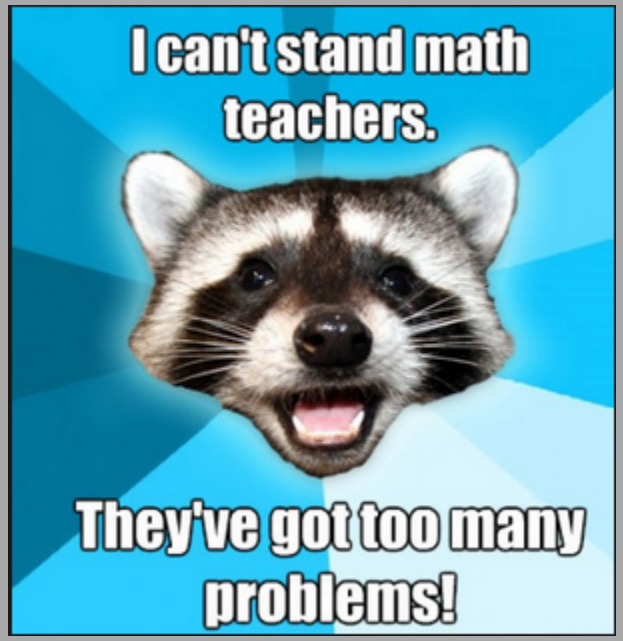
Intended use:

- *iFunny App (and similar apps like 9gagg) lets users create posts using cartoons, photos with funny captions to post or send to others. They are called “memes”.*

How it is misused:

- *This App may expose our younger children (pre-teens) to humor that they may not be ready for.*
- *Instead of funny captions, students can use mean or hurtful captions that can be used to bully other students.*

Sample iFunny



Sample iFunny

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Whisper

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Intended use:

- **Whisper** *is a social "confessional" app that allows users to post whatever's on their minds, paired with an image. With all the emotions running through teens, anonymous outlets give them the freedom to share their feelings without fear or judgement*

How it is misused:

- **Whispers are often sexual in nature.** *Some users use the app to try to hook up with people nearby, while others post "confessions" of desire. Lots of eye-catching nearly nude pics accompany these shared secrets.*

Whisper

How it is misused (continued):

- **Content can be dark.** *People normally don't confess sunshine and rainbows; common Whisper topics include insecurity, depression, substance abuse, and various lies told to employers and teachers.*

- **Although it's anonymous to start, it may not stay that way.** *The app encourages users to exchange personal information in the "Meet Up" section.*

Sample Whisper “Confession”

Whisper has been linked to several rapes of children by sexual predators they met on Whisper

POLITICS

Whisper App Rape: Ronald Peterson III Arrested For Allegedly Raping 12-Year-Old Washington Girl He Met Through Secrets App

By Howard Koplowitz @howardkoplowitz h.koplowitz@ibtimes.com on October 22 2013 2:52 PM EDT

Washington state detectives claim that a man arrested for allegedly raping a 12-year-old girl admitted that he sought out the girl through Whisper, a meeting app that encourages users to post secrets.

Ronald Peterson III, 21, of Lynwood, Wash., told detectives he used Whisper to communicate with the underage girl, Seattle Fox affiliate Q13 reported earlier this month. Their online relationship reportedly began in September, when Peterson started messaging with the girl. He claimed he was 21 years old, and she said she was 14, according to police.

Peterson eventually convinced the girl to meet him, and she snuck out of her home to join him at a Lynwood hotel.

Lake Forest Park Police Chief Stephen Sutton said Whisper can be a tool for sexual predators since users can post their location and opine on everything from adultery to alcohol, Seattle CBS affiliate KIRO reported.

"This one is problematic because it shotguns information out and identifies a certain area that you are in," Sutton told the station.

The alleged rape rattled the neighborhood where the 12-year-old girl lives.

"I'm kind of shocked," neighbor Richard Whipple told KIRO. "Around here, those things don't happen."

Peterson, who doesn't have a prior criminal record, was arrested and taken to the Snohomish County Jail on suspicion of rape charges. He was later charged with luring and communicating with a minor for immoral purposes, according to Q13

Whisper App Linked to Rape of 16 Year-Old Girl in Bensalem

Bensalem, PA

By ROB ZIDAR (Open Post)
July 2, 2014

NAME THAT APP...

Tinder

Tinder

Intended use:

- This app connects adults to others nearby who may be interested in them. It's a new way for adults to connect. Pictures/profiles show up of those nearby who are interested in meeting someone, using a map to pinpoint the location of the user.
    - *If both swipe right, then the app allows them to message each other! Meeting up (or hooking up) is pretty much the goal!*

How it is misused:

- Easily used by sexual predators to seek and find a child victim who is nearby.
    - *Tinder, Bang with Friends, Down, and Meet Me are all adult meet-up apps that could be dangerous for children.*

Tinder in the news…

Teens on Tinder: High Schoolers Have Invaded the Social Dating App

Underage Teens Are Using Hookup App Tinder; Should Parents Be Worried?

Woman gang-raped by Tinder date and his friends

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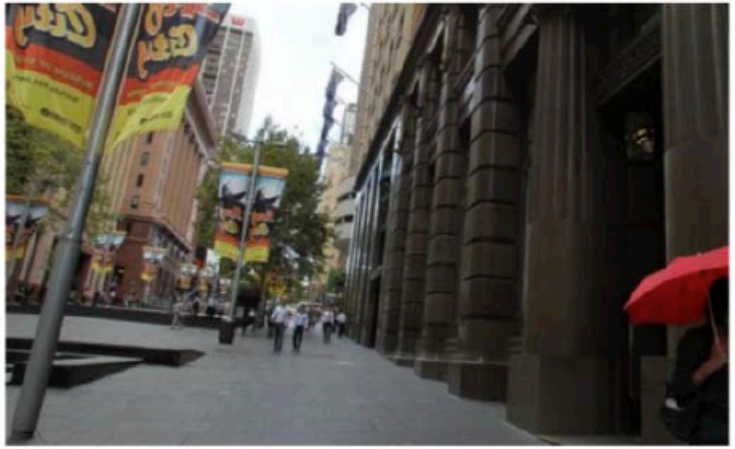

The woman says she was at a bar in Martin Place when her date's friends showed up. *Photo: Louise Kennerley*

Police are warning online daters to be careful of meeting with strangers after a tourist was gang-raped after being introduced to a man she met on mobile dating app Tinder.

NAME THAT APP…

ask.fm

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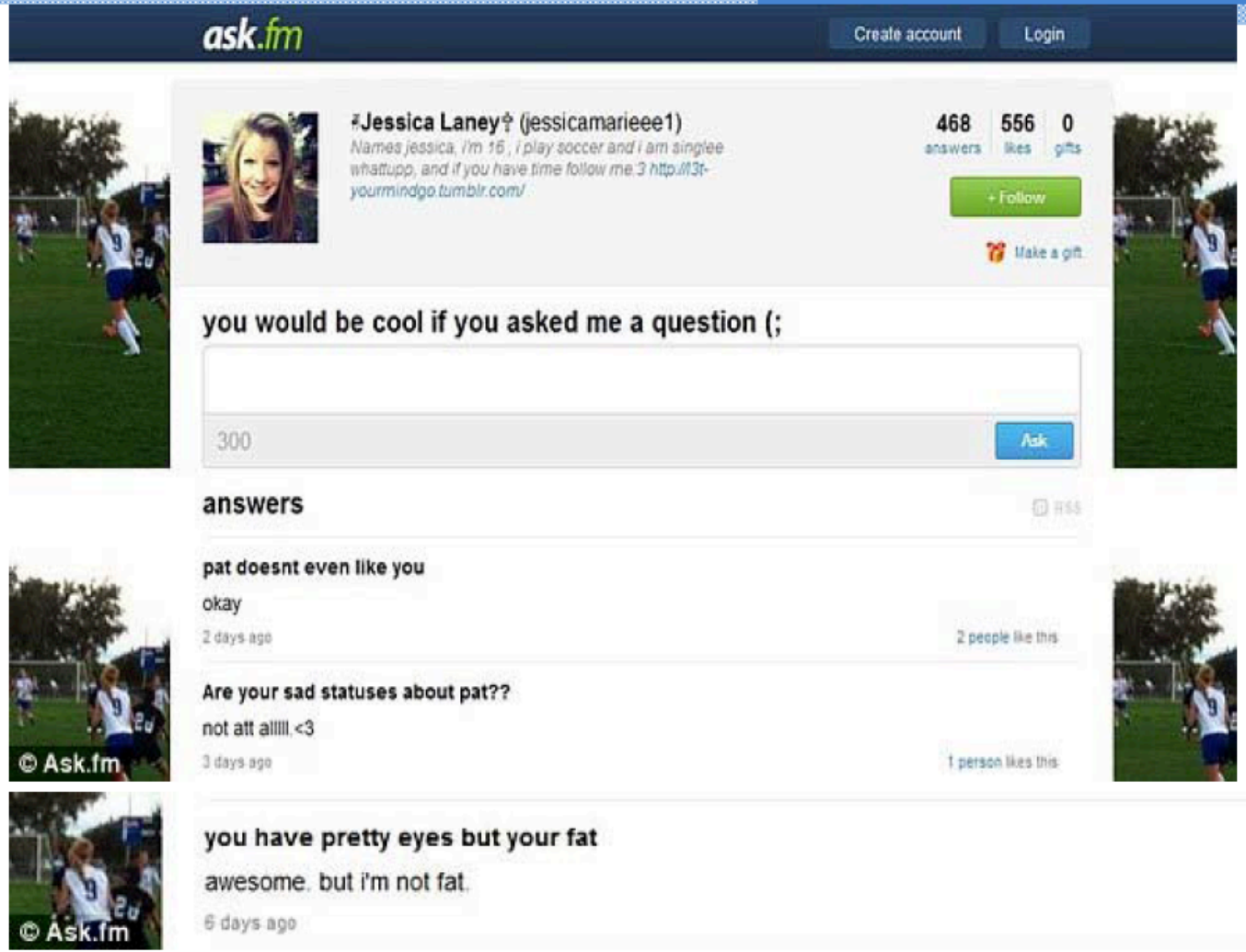
Intended use:

- ask.fm is a social networking app that allows users to post questions from known or anonymous users who then post “answers”
- A place to ask questions in order to illicit legitimate answers

How it is misused:

- It is a parent free digital space where kids can go to goof off and escape the built-in accountability of Facebook
- KNOWN FOR SEVERE CYBER-BULLYING!
- 150 million users and is adding members at a rate of 200,000 per day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16 year old Jessica Laney

Constantly abused on **Ask.fm**...
With non-stop postings about her being "fat" and a "slut"

"Can you kill yourself already?"
"nobody even cares about you"
She was <u>tormented</u> relentlessly...

She reaches out:

Jessica wrote about suicide a month before she hung herself she communicated: ***'I promise it will get better. Nothing's worth it'***

*'My brother and I don't talk anymore,' she wrote earlier this month. 'My dad, yeah he ignores me like I don't even f***ing exist. I have almost no friends I actually trust. My mom bitches at me for the littlest things. I am basically all alone.'*

14 year old Hannah Smith

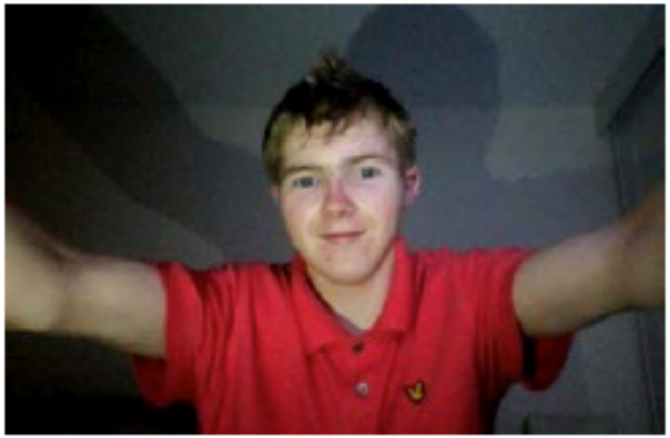
Tormented relentlessly on **Ask.fm**

- **“every1 will be happy if u died”**
- **“drink bleach”**
- **“go die”**

- *Hannah hung herself in her bedroom where she was found by her little sister.*

17 year old Daniel Perry

- Victim of extortion scam after having online conversations with a person he believed was a girl. Duped to engaging in a sexual act…
- Tormented on **ask.fm**
- Constantly urged to take his own life for several months prior to his death..
  - "kill yourself"
  - "please kill yourself"
  - "you need to let a blade meet your throat"… etc.



14 year old Rebecca Sedwick

- After a year of relentless cyber-bullying, Rebecca committed suicide at an abandoned cement plant.

- She was constantly tormented by two bullies (and an additional 15 bullies) …

  "needed to kill herself"
  "you deserve to die"
  "would you please just die"

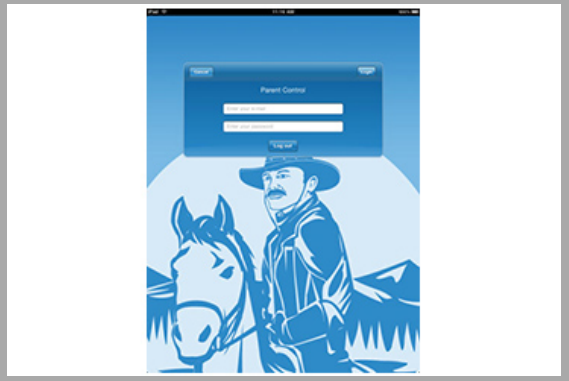
- She changed her user name on kik to **"that dead girl"**

  nobody noticed…

This is not *our world* that our kids are operating in...we are digital immigrants. We have to immerse ourselves in what's going on in their world, as **uncomfortable** as it is. Our kids are at stake, and we cannot drop the vigilance of **knowing and understanding what's really going on in their worlds.**

10 Apps for Parents to Monitor Kids' Mobile Use

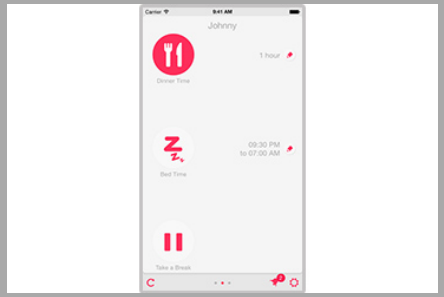
Credits: Erin Dower, familyeducation. fun.familyeducation.com/mobile-apps/internet-safety/75744.html?page=1



MobSafety Ranger Browser

Your main concern: Web browsing safety and setting time limits on Internet use.

This free app allows you to see your child's browsing history and set some basic filters by "whitelisting" (approving and bookmarking) or "blacklisting" (banning) certain websites. You can also limit Internet access to the times you want to allow it. The app may not be on par with some paid web-filtering software systems, like Net Nanny, but it's a good "lite" option.



DinnerTime

Your main concern: Limiting device use during dinnertime, study time, and bedtime.

This free app allows you to instantly lock and unlock your child's Android device remotely from your own device so that you can enjoy more quality family time, or help your child focus on schoolwork or sleep. Note: The parent's device can be an Android or an iPhone/iPad/iPod, but the child's device must be an Android. You can choose from three modes: "Dinner Time" pauses any activity for up to two hours; "Take a Break" pauses any activity for up to 24 hours; and "Bed Time" pauses any activity for any given start and end time, while still allowing kids to access their alarm clock. The free version of DinnerTime works on up to two kids' devices, controlled by up to two parents' devices. DinnerTime Plus ($3.99) works on up to five kids' devices, and offers detailed reports on how long your kids have used their devices and which apps they have used the most, so you know exactly what's distracting them.

Famigo

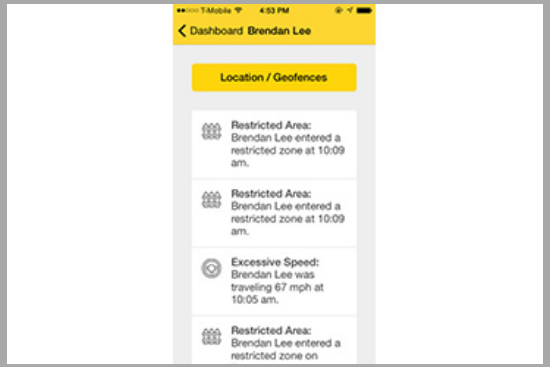
Your main concern: Child-proofing the device you share with little ones.

Have little hands taken over your family's gadget? Famigo is one of several apps available to help you create a "sandbox" of kid-safe apps and games on your device. You can download the app for free and use it as an optional child-lock. Additional features cost about $1 to $5 per month. The app automatically sorts your existing apps to show only family-friendly and parent-approved apps to your child, and it blocks clickable ads, Internet access, calls, and texting while your tot is using the device. You can also use it to block in-app purchases, social games, and more. The Plus Subscription ($4.99/month) includes a steady stream of kid-friendly content to fill your sandbox: 10 new e-books per month plus kid-friendly apps and videos added daily. Kid Mode by Zoodles is a similar child-lock app with subscription options for kiddie content.

VideoMonster

Your main concern: Finding kid-friendly YouTube videos, and blocking ads and links.

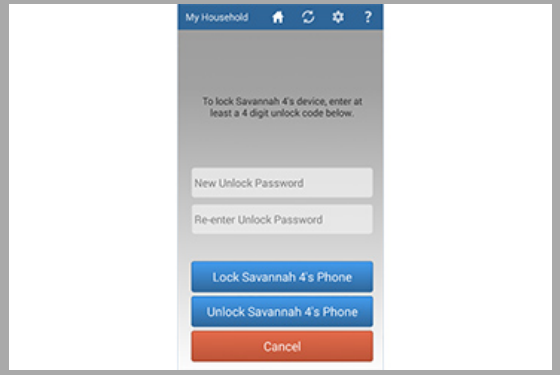
Animal videos! Skateboarding demos! Retro cartoons! YouTube is an obvious source of free entertainment for kids — but it doesn't always feel like a safe choice. Pesky pop-up ads and links to "related" videos (possible*unrelated* adult content) can take the fun out of this mecca of free movies. That's where VideoMonster comes in handy. The app ($4.99 for iPhone, iPad, or iPod Touch) allows you to create lists of videos that are safe for your child to watch, plus it filters out ads and links to inappropriate content. The app also comes with a broad selection of videos pre-selected by the VideoMonster editorial staff, with lists for kids from ages 2 through teen.



Canary – Teen Safety

Your main concern: Your teen's driving safety and phone use while driving.

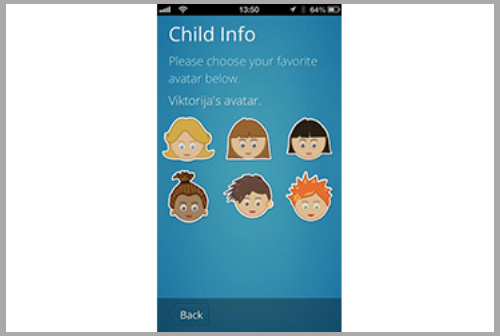
This free app is designed to stop distracted driving by sending you notifications in real-time when your child is engaging in risky behavior. For example, the app lets you know if your child is using her phone while driving, exceeding a speed limit that you set, traveling into areas that are off-limits, staying out past curfews, or traveling near possible bad weather. You'll need your child's cooperation to install the app and use all of its features. Consider using it in combination with a safe driving contract to help build trust in your new driver. Safely Go is another top-rated app aimed at preventing distracted driving, but it's available for Android devices only.



Ignore No More

Your main concern: Your child ignoring your calls.

Want to send a strong message when your child repeatedly ignores your texts and phone calls? Ignore No More is an app that locks kids out of some of their favorite activities — texting, playing games, surfing the web, and looking at Facebook — until they call Mom or Dad for a four-digit password to unlock their phone. It's a better option than taking your child's phone away because he'll still be able to make emergency phone calls to you or 911 even when his phone is otherwise locked. The app costs $5.99 per phone and is currently only available on Android devices but will be available on iPhones soon.



Qustodio

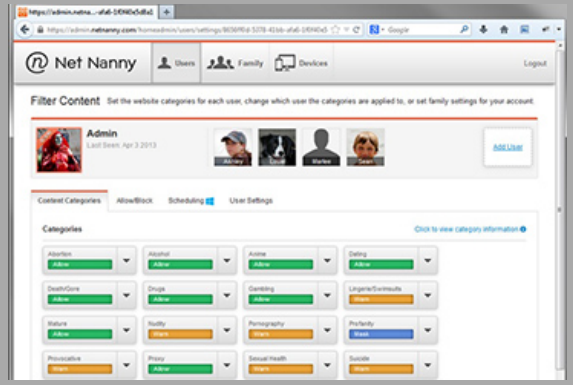
Your main concern: Web browsing and social media safety.

Qustodio software is available for Windows PC, Mac, iOS, Android, and Kindle devices and provides a comprehensive dashboard to help you monitor your child's online activity. The free version allows you to keep tabs on your child's web and search engine use, track her Facebook and Twitter logins, and set time controls, while Qustodio Premium also allows you to track her location, block certain games and apps, monitor calls and text messages, and more. (Plans start at $44.95 per year for five children/five devices). *PC Magazine* named Qustodio Premium Parental Control 2015 an Editor's Choice.

Avira Social Network Protection

Your main concern: Cyberbullying, suspicious social media contacts, and your child's reputation online.

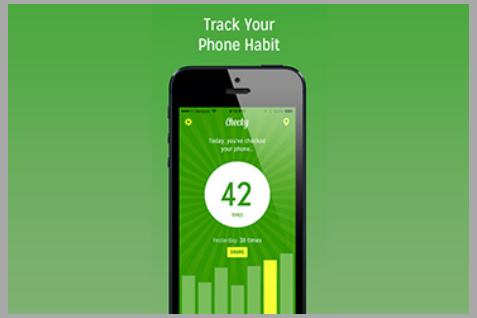
This software system (previously called SocialShield) costs $10 a month or $96 a year, and strictly focuses on monitoring your child's use of social media, including Facebook, Twitter, Google+, and FormSpring. You need your child's cooperation to install the app on his device, so it's not a secretive "spying" tool. Then you can log in anytime on any computer/device to get updates and warnings about four types of activities/areas of concern: friend-related safety (peers cyberbullying your child, or an adult or stranger friending your child), safety related to words in posts (if your child mentions drugs, depression, or suicide in social media), reputation related to words in posts (inappropriate language), and photo-related reputation. You'll receive real-time email notifications about "critical" alerts, and weekly emails summarizing "warnings" — other flagged activities that aren't deemed critical. The company offers support in resolving persistent cyberbullying issues. *PC Magazine* named SocialShield an Editor's Pick for parent-control software.



ContentWatch Net Nanny 7

Your main concern: Filtering web content and setting Internet time limits for multiple kids/devices.

If you have multiple children and devices to keep track of, ContentWatch Net Nanny 7 with the Family Protection Pass ($79.99 per year) is a handy tool. This software system can be installed on up to 10 different PC, Mac, or Android devices (note: the software is not supported by Windows XP, and you need to purchase a separate product for Net Nanny to work on iOS devices). The software allows you to create different profiles/log-ins for each of your children, and automatically filters web content for each user based on whether they fit the Child, Pre-Teen, Teen, or Adult profile. It allows you to "mask" profanity on web pages — which can be useful if, for example, your child needs to read a news article for a school assignment but the comments section is loaded with swear words. You can set Internet time allowances for each child using a weekly grid divided into 30-minute time blocks, so it's easy to prevent Web access during homework time or bedtime. The Family Protection Pass also comes with a free, one-year license for Net Nanny Social ($19.99 value), which can help you monitor your child's activity on social media sites. *PC Magazine* named ContentWatch Net Nanny 7 an Editor's Pick for parent-control software.



Checky

Your main concern: Making your child more aware of his/her smartphone obsession.

Let's face it: Teens are addicted to their smartphones. While you'll probably never completely cure your child of her obsession, you can help her find a healthier balance. Checky is a free app that keeps a tally of how many times a day a user has checked her phone. (Hint: This might be a good app for Mom and Dad, too!) You can compare just how "Checky" you were today vs. yesterday, or share and compare your stats with your friends and family members. Moment (available for iPhone) and Break Free (available for Android and soon iOS, too) are similar apps aimed at supporting healthier smartphone habits.