

# 15 APPS LAW ENFORCEMENT RECOMMENDS PARENTS KNOW

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Potential harm can come from anywhere — some social media-based apps can open doors to predators. Please review these 15 apps with your family, and have open conversations with your children and teens about how they spend they spend their time on their smartphone or tablet.

## MeetMe



**MeetMe** is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

## Grindr



**Grindr** is a dating app geared towards gay, bi, and transgender people. The app gives users options to chat, share photos, and meet up based on a smartphone's GPS location.

## Skout



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

## WhatsApp



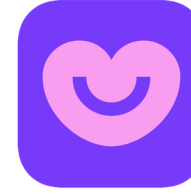
**WhatsApp** is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, make calls, and video chats worldwide. WhatsApp uses an Internet connection on smartphones and computers.

## TikTok



**TikTok** is a new mobile device app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to bullying and explicit content.

## Badoo



**Badoo** is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos, and connect based on location. While the app is intended for adults only, teens are known to create profiles.

## Bumble



**Bumble** is similar to the popular dating app 'Tinder' however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use Bumble to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

## Snapchat



**Snapchat** is one of the most popular apps in recent years. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, new features including 'stories' allow users to view content for up to 24 hours.

## Kik



**Kik** allows anyone to contact and direct message your child. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. Kik gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.

## LiveMe



**LiveMe** is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's exact location. Users can earn 'coins' as a way to 'pay' minors for photos.

## Holla



**Holla** is a self-proclaimed 'addicting' video chat app that allows users to meet people all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

## Whisper



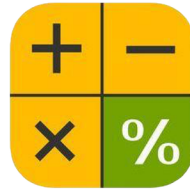
**Whisper** is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also reveals a user's location so people can meet up.

## ASKfm



**ASKfm** is known for cyberbullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

## Calculator%



**Calculator%** is only one of several secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

## Hot or Not



**Hot or Not** encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hook up.