

# SOCIAL MEDIA APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW

## Pictures – Videos – Chatting



### Live.Me

Live.Me is a live-streaming video app that uses geolocation to share videos so that users can find out a streamers exact location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.



### Vault apps

These apps are used to compile and hide inappropriate or harmful content on phones and tablets, while appearing as just another harmless app.



### Poof

Poof hides other apps on the phone so that their icons do not show up on the smartphone screen.



### Calculator%

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



### Holla

Holla is a video chat app that allows users to meet others all over the world instantly. Reports of racial slurs and explicit content are a concern on the app.



### Snapchat

Snapchat is a popular social media app that allows users to create stories, send pictures and videos. The app also shares your location.



### Hot or Not

Hot or not is a social app that encourages users to chat and rate each others profiles with the potential to meet or hook up.



### Omegle

Omegle is a social app that allows users to video chat privately or in a group. Authorities have shared concerns regarding child pornography on the app.



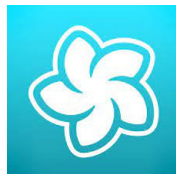
### TikTok

TikTok is an app used to create and share short videos. Reports of explicit content and cyberbullying are a concern on the app. As a Chinese-based company, it has been confirmed that China-based employees can access US user data from the app.



### Houseparty

Houseparty is a video-chatting app that allows as many as 10 people to share a virtual hang. It uses a kid's personal contact list like phone/Facebook/Snapchat contacts to create its own contact list. Anyone on the above-mentioned lists can start a conversation with your kids without notice. Easy exposure to improper content is a concern on the app.



### Blindr App

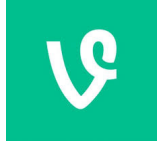
Blindr is one of the most dangerous apps for kids, as this allows users to share images and send messages to random individuals. The app also makes use of your child's information linked with the location.



### Instagram

The app is used for sharing images and having access to the pictures shared by others. Its messenger also allows for anyone to contact your child. Sharing images that later disappear and easy access to porn are a concern with the app.

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## Vine App

The Vine App allows users to share videos with a length of six seconds. Exposure to explicit content is a concern on the app.



## Twitter

Although usually associated with breaking news and celebrities, Twitter is also a go-to source for porn, because the platform won't look suspicious if a parent does a quick browser history check.

## Messaging



## Ask.FM

Ask.FM encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions. The app is known for instances of cyberbullying and harassment.



## Google Docs

Google docs is more than just a collaborative digital file used for homework. There are chat rooms, social media, and diaries. Bullying and keeping a private google doc for a diary that shares thoughts of depression, suicidal ideation, and anxiety are a concern with the platform.



## WhatsApp

WhatsApp is an encrypted messaging app that allows users to communicate through text, calls and video chats worldwide.



## KIK

KIK allows anyone to message users with unlimited access. The app can bypass traditional text messaging features.



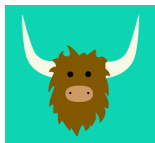
## Whisper

Whisper is an anonymous social platform that encourages users to share secrets with one another. The app also reveals the users location to allow people to meet up.



## Meetme

Meetme is a social app that allows users to connect based on geolocation and encourages them to meet up.



## Yik Yak

Yik Yak allows users to post anonymous messages and people within a five-mile radius can read the public posts. Bullying and the promotion of sexual assault and violence are a concern with the app.



## Yarn

Yarn is a reading app that tells stories through fake text messages that are mostly centered around sexual content or horror.



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## Gaming



### Discord

Discord allows users to chat with both friends and strangers through voice, video and text while playing video games. Users have reported racial slurs and explicit content on the app.



### Among Us

The video game pits four to 10 players against each other to uncover the secret "imposter" in their group. The phone and tablet game features a chatroom for discussion amongst players where profanity and violent language can be common.



### Roblox

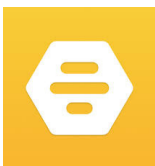
Roblox is a video game with a similar concept to Minecraft that is popular among kids 5 to 12 years old. Users can create and publish their own games. As an app with user-generated content, the possibility of children stumbling upon inappropriate or dangerous content while playing is a concern. Its chat function can also open users up to solicitation from sexual predators.

## Dating



### Hoop

Hoop is an app that is a cross between the dating app Tinder and the social media app Snapchat. The site allows children as young as 12 to swipe through profiles and start up conversation with strangers. Exposure to sexual predators and porn are a concern with the app.



### Bumble

Bumble is a dating app that requires women to make the first move with connections. Kids have been known to create fake profiles and falsify their ages, according to officials.



### Badoo

Badoo is a dating app that allows users to chat, share videos and share photos. The app is intended for adults only.



### Grindr

Grindr is a dating app for the LGBTQ+ community that allows users to chat, share photos and meet up based on the apps geolocation.



### Skout

Skout is a location-based dating app and website that allows sharing photos. Officials said children under the age of 17 have been known to make profiles with falsified ages.

