

# SUMMER ONLINE SAFETY TIPS

The summer is a great time to relax. With summer often comes increased screen time and increased online dangers. Here are a few tips to help you keep your child safe online this summer:



**Vault apps** are apps that look innocent (see below) but secretly house files and other apps.



It is advised that children under 13 NOT have ANY social media accounts, including TikTok, Instagram and Snapchat.



Every mobile device has options for parental controls. Spend some time exploring the settings of your child's device.



Many apps allow kids to share their location, which can be used by predators to find their real time whereabouts.



Remind your child that they should never post personal information such as their phone number, address, or location online.



Speak with your child about your expectations of their online behavior and media consumption.

## Apps to be aware of:



**Hoop:** allows kids as young as 12 to form connections with total strangers.



**Tellonym:** encourages people to send anonymous messages via Snapchat or Instagram.



**Plato:** is a social media and gaming app where people create seemingly private chat groups.



**Roblox:** very popular game where child predators have begun using the platform to groom young kids.



**Calculator Vault:** not a calculator at all, but actually serves to house secret folders for pictures, files, and even other apps.



**Bigo Live:** allows people to stream and vlog without age verification. Inappropriate content is common.



**YikYak:** anonymous chatting app allows users within a five-mile radius to post and read publicly posted messages.



**Kik:** messaging app with a focus on anonymity, Kik is frequently used for cyberbullying and harassment.



# FREE RESOURCES

## NATIONAL CENTER FOR MISSING & EXPLOITED CHILDREN

- ✓ Take It Down Tool  
[takeitdown.ncmec.org/](https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/)
- ✓ Request Victim/Family Support  
email: [gethelp@ncmec.org](mailto:gethelp@ncmec.org)
- ✓ Report to the CyberTipline and Survivor Services will reach out with additional resources: [cybertipline.org](https://cybertipline.org)

## NATIONAL CRISIS HOTLINE

- ✓ Call 988 or Text 4HOPE to 741741 or <https://www.crisistextline.org/> for access to a trained counselor

## ICAC TASK FORCE INTERNET SAFETY

- ✓ <https://www.icactaskforce.org/internetsafety>

## LOCAL RESOURCES

- ✓ Ashland City Police Department  
419-289-1911
- ✓ Ashland County Sheriff Office  
419-289-6552
- ✓ Stop Non-Consensual Intimate Image Abuse  
<https://stopncii.org/>

