

E-safety



An overview

What we will cover

1. Types of Apps
2. Parental Controls
3. Additional Advice



Types of Apps

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- Messenger Apps
- Live Stream Apps/video chatting apps
- Anonymous apps
- Virtual Worlds and Games
- Apps to hide videos, images and other apps



Anonymity: Whisper, AskFM, Tellonym



"Share Secrets, Express Yourself, Meet New People."

Accounts are anonymous, people can DM you and see your location



Post questions anonymously, people can answer anonymously

Regularly see cyber bullying, violent threats, and sexual content



"The most honest place on the internet."

Lets you post questions to your 'friends' and they can answer anonymously



Messaging Apps: Kik, Voxer



Lets users connect using a username rather than phone number - makes it easier to connect with strangers

Seems to have been adopted as the app to use to sext strangers



Can send voice notes/texts

Hurtful messages can be more biting when it is spoken and can be played back over and over



Image Sharing: SnapChat, Instagram, Tumblr



Images are 'deleted' after a certain amount of time

'Temporary' nature can encourage riskier photos to be shared.

Can share your location 24/7 with 'friends' or 'everyone'



Images shared publicly or with friends

People can leave (not so nice) comments or write direct messages to them. Locations can be shared, some images aren't age appropriate



Share images, videos and chatting

Tends to attract more inappropriate content than insta e.g pornographic & violence. Includes glorification of self harm & eating disorders



Video Apps: HouseParty, Bigo, Tik Tok



Live video streaming app Live nature means you don't really know what might happen during the stream



Live video streaming app (videos recorded and shared live)
Bullying, nudity, violence, and profanity is common

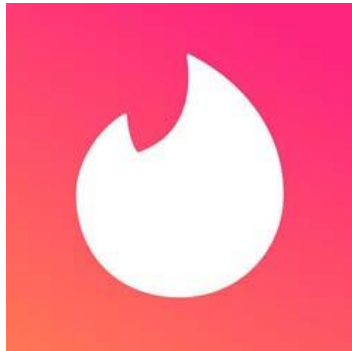


Send short 3 – 60 second videos

Default privacy settings are public so strangers can contact you
Language can be inappropriate

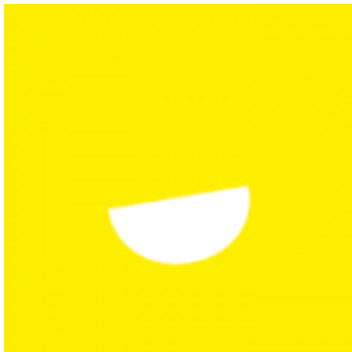


Connect with people nearby: Tinder, Yubo



"fun way to connect with new and interesting people around you."

Shows you people that are nearby, if you both like each other you can connect. Risks include [catfishing](#), sexual harassment, stalking, and worse.



Often dubbed as Tinder for Kids (swipe people you like)

Aims to connect you with people of a similar age nearby

Start live videos with 'friends'

They are trying to ensure the app is as safe as possible but . . .



Games: IMVU, Fortnite, Roblox



Virtual world game like SIMS.

Nudity and sexual encounters in areas for 18+, but there is sexual talk and behaviours in the regular area of IMVU as well.

Chat Now feature randomly pairs users with other users - can lead to inappropriate pairings and interactions.



Multi player online game with millions of players from around the world of all ages

Players can talk to each other and see each other



Masking Apps

- Aim to hide certain images videos and lock apps
 - Hard to spot
 - If you visit the app store and it says INSTALLED rather than INSTALL then you know it has been downloaded
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Vault - Hide Pics & Videos, App Lock, Free Backup

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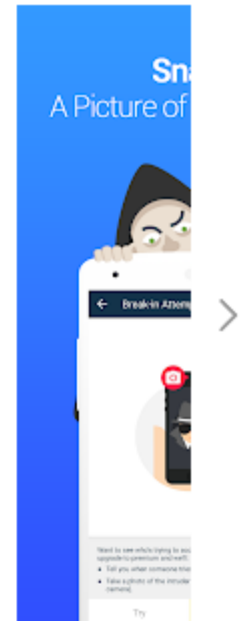
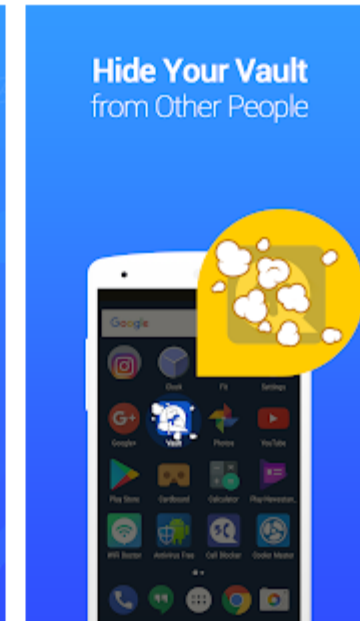
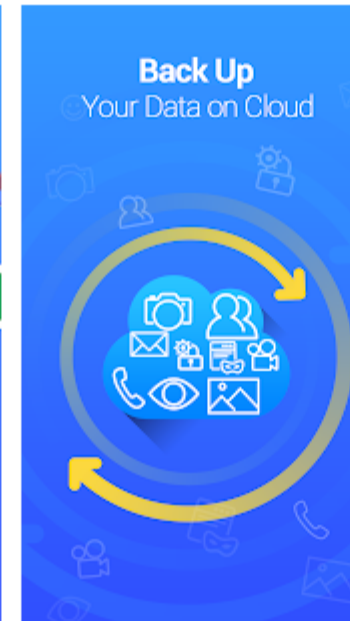
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Contains Ads - Offers in-app purchases

⚠️ You don't have any devices.

🔖 Add to Wishlist

Install



Tools for Parents

Useful resources

- The Bromley Safeguarding Children Partnership has a wealth of information on this
- They have a handy app that you can download
- www.bromleysafeguarding.org/articles.php?id=584
- Remember we are the adults and the children are just finding their way. We need to enforce firm boundaries
- **Lisa Damour** excellent books: Untangled and Under Pressure



CEOP Video

- https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=gGE_1hVa-Qo



Filtering Content/Age restrictions

Filtering/ age restrictions can be done using the settings provided by:

- Your ISP (BT, Sky, Virgin Media, Talk Talk ...)
- Web Browser
- Youtube
- iPhones & tablets
- Android phones and tablets
- Windows devices . . .

It won't block everything and they will have access to other devices and networks but particularly good for younger students



Parental control Apps



Norton
Family Planner

Features

- Web filtering and monitoring
- Time Allowances
- Time scheduling
- Location tracking
- App management



Useful Links: parental controls

- [Learn about the parental controls provided by your ISP](#)
- [Using Parental controls on iPhones, iPads and iPod touch](#)
- [Using parental controls on android devices](#)
- [Overview of different parental control programs](#)



No magic app or button ...

You can't monitor their every move or join every site

- Sit down and discuss the sorts of dangers/content online your child might see
- Do they know what to do if they are approached by strangers, see something inappropriate etc?
- Sit with them and discuss the privacy settings on the apps they have
- Agree some general rules about downloading apps, what they should/shouldn't post online



Further Reading

- [FamilyEducation](#) - More details on many of the apps mentioned
- [Webwise](#) – useful info on apps and guidelines for parents
- [ThinkUKnow](#) – lots of resources for parents including videos to start discussions with your child
- [CEOP](#) – Report online abuse or other inappropriate online behaviour

