



A SOCIAL MEDIA GUIDE FOR PARENTS



APPS

DATING APPS



WHATSAPP

- texting, video chatting app
- Allows users to text, send images/videos/ audio and video chat
 - Does not require cell service, on internet connection



SNAPCHAT

- photo and video sharing app
- Users send "disappearing content"
 - Content can still be saved or screenshot
- Story posts can be visible for up to 24 hours



TINDER

- Adult dating and hookup app for users over the age of 18
- Can falsify ages to use app underage



MONKEY

- Advertised as "speed dating for teens"
- After users match, a video chat starts for users to talk "face to face" for 15 seconds



KIK MESSENGER

- Users text in group chats and direct messages
- Certain features encourage chatting with strangers by searching for common interests



TIKTOK

- short video sharing app
- Users can create and view videos
- Limited privacy settings
- Leaves kids vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content



HINGE

- Recommends other profiles to connect with
- "Your Turn" reminders encourage constant engagement



CHATOUS

- Randomly matches users for chat sessions
- Users can video/audio chat with matches
- No age verification required to join



WIZZ

- social discovery, chatting app
- Encourages meeting new people from around the world via video chatting
- App has been linked to sextortion scams



DISCORD

- text and voice app/website
- Users can form groups or "servers" to share voice, video, and text messages
- Popular with classmates



BUMBLE

- Automatically matches local profiles with similar interests
- Only allows female user to message the male user first



BADOO

- Targets younger teen dating audience for casual dating
- Users can text, video call, and search the app for other users anywhere in the world



LIVEME

- broadcasting/live streaming app
- Users can live stream or join other's live videos
- Users can give and receive virtual gifts (can require in app purchases)



TUMBLR

- blogging app/website
- Users create their own sites to post text, images, audio, videos
- Popular for spread of drug use, offensive language, and pornography



GRINDR

- Geared towards LGBTQ+ communities
- Profiles are sorted by geolocation, users are encouraged to share their precise locations



TAGGED

- Allows users to share photos, post videos, and form groups
- No age verification required to join app



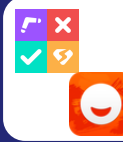
ROBLOX

- Users play a variety of games and chat with others
- Be aware of in app purchases (Robux), "condo games", and individual chat features



ASK FM

- anonymous app/website
- Users can post or ask anonymous questions to other profiles
- Frequently used to share rude, harassing, and even sexualized comments



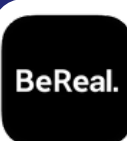
SPOTAFRIEND/MYLOL

- Teen dating app that targets users ages 13-19
- Users "swipe" through profiles to find people to chat with and meet up with



CHAT AND DATE

- Users upload pictures of themselves to be evaluated and rated by others
- Potential for cyberbullying and inappropriate feedback



BEREAL

- photo sharing app
- Users post one photo a day of what they are doing
 - When enabled, the app shares the exact location the picture was taken



OMEGLE

- anonymous video chatting app/website
- Slogan is "talk to strangers"
- Randomly pairs users with other users to video chat



YUBO

- Targeted towards GenZ to make profiles, and connect with other users through similarities
- "Tinder for Teens"



HOLLA

- Randomly matches people in live video chats
- Potential for exposure for sexually explicit content shared

VAULT APPS

-apps used to hide messages, photos, videos, browser history, etc.



WHISPER

- anonymous social posting app
- Randomly assigned usernames allow users to post anonymous content
- Geolocation services pinpoint where users are



SKOUT

- Users are matched by similarities in locations or personal preferences
- Provides opportunities to chat, share pictures, and send virtual gifts



SUGAR DADDY MEET

- Older users seek out companionships with younger users
- Younger users are asked to chat or share sexually explicit photos in return for financial compensation