

-Apps Parents/Guardians Should Know About-



BUMBLE is similar to the popular dating app Tinder. However, it requires females to make the first contact in an effort to protect them from unwanted advances by men. Kids have been known to use Bumble to create fake accounts and falsify their age.



LIVE.ME 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.



ASK.FM is notorious for cyber-bullying issues. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions and get an answer. This app has been linked to the most severe cyber-bullying.



SNAPCHAT is one of the most popular apps of 2019. While the app promises users can take a photo/video and it will disappear, recent features including "stories" allow users to view content for up to 24 hours. Snapchat also allows users to see your location unless you change your privacy settings.



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.



CALCULATOR% is one of several secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files and browser history. This app looks like a calculator but functions like a secret photo vault.



KIK allows anyone to contact and direct message a user. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features. KIK gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime. Keep in mind, this app has built-in apps and web content that would be filtered on a home computer.



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



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 and rate others based on their looks.



OMEGLE is a free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously with strangers.



WhatsApp MESSENGER is a freeware and cross-platform messaging and Voice over IP service owned by Facebook. The application allows the sending of text messages and voice calls, as well as video calls, images and other media, documents, and user location.



YELLOW is an app designed to allow teens to flirt with each other in a Tinder-like atmosphere.



BURN BOOK posts anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, text messages and photos



WISHBONE is an app that allows users to compare each other's photos and rate them on a scale.



INSTAGRAM is one of the most popular apps of 2019. Kids are now creating fake accounts and using fake names to hide content from parents. Kids also like to text using Instagram because messages are deleted once a user leaves the conversation.

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