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Do your children have these Apps on their phone? Be alert and aware!



SNAPCHAT is a photo & video sharing app that promises users their photo or video will disappear even though it doesn't. Snapchat stores allow users to view content for up to 24 hours

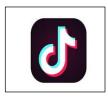




INSTAGRAM captures, edits and shares videos and messages with friends. Many kids are also creating fake accounts, called "finstagrams." These are used to hide accounts from parents. Cyberbullies can post insulting and compromising photos on the internet and then tag their victim. Bullies can post mean remarks and the victim will never know this is happening.



YouTube is a video-sharing platform to create and upload videos for the world to see. This app lets teens stream and watch live broadcasts. The goal is to get a lot of views, start trending, and grown your fan base.



TIK TOK is an app popular with kids used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyberbullying and explicit content.



WHATSAPP is a popular messaging app for users to send texts, photos, make calls and video chats and voicemail. It does not require cell service & uses an internet connection on phones & tablets.



KIK MESSENGER is an app used for communicating with friends in group chats or direct messages. But also allows you to chat with strangers by accessing public chats to talk about.



TUMBLR is a blogging app & website allowing users as young as 13 to create an account. A range of inappropriate content such as drug use, offensive language and pornography are easy to find.









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DISCORD is a voice and text chat tool that allows gamers to communicate in real time while playing video games. It discusses adult content but allows users as young as 13.



YOUTUBE KIDS is an alternative to YouTube with kid-targeted videos arrived at preschoolers to tweens. The app has some controversy with some inappropriate ads squeezing their way in but is better at parental control.



ASK.FM allows anyone to post anonymous comments and questions to a person's profile and is increasingly being used as a means to communicate abusive, bullying, and sexualized content.



LIVEME is a tool for broadcasting livestreaming videos and watching others' videos. Terms of use specify that users be at least 18 or have parental permission, but young teens are often found.



YUBO (formally YELLOW) is often called "Tinder for teens" because users swipe right or left to accept or reject the profiles of other users. If two people swipe right on each other, they can chat and hook up via Snapchat or Instagram.



AUDIO MANAGER is another app designed as a "vault" style or secret app. It has nothing to do with managing music and is designed to hide messages, photos, videos, or other apps.



CALCULATOR% is one of several "vault" style or secret apps that appears to be a harmless app, but is used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

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