

MOBILE APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



 **SNAPCHAT** – allows users to send photos/videos that disappear after the recipient views it. Users can post “stories” that disappear after 24 hours. Location can be seen by followers.

 **TIKTOK** - is popular with kids and used for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls, users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and explicit content.

 **TINDER** - allows users to locate other singles in their area. Users create a bio, upload photos, & view photos of other users matching their criteria.

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

 **GRINDER** – is a dating app geared towards gay, bi-sexual, and transgender individuals. The app gives users options to chat, share photos, and meet up based on a GPS location.

 **MEET ME** - is a dating app that allows users to connect based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

 **KIK** – allows anyone to contact & direct message a user, anywhere, and at any time. Kids can bypass traditional messaging features.

 **CALCULATOR%** - is only one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

 **BUMBLE** – is similar to “TINDER” however, it requires women to make the first contact. Kids have been known to use BUMBLE to create fake accounts and falsify their age.

 **LIVEME** – is a live-streaming video app using geolocation to share videos & users can find out a broadcaster's location. Users can earn “coins” as a way to “pay” minors for photos.

 **TEXT NOW** - turns any WIFI device into a phone. Users can send traditional text/SMS messages that won't show up if their device has a phone plan.

 **WHATSAPP** – is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, make calls, and video chats with only an internet connection.

 **SKOUT** - is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 are unable to share private photos, the account can easily be created using a different age.

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