

FIFTEEN APPS

EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

CYBERBULLYING / EXPLICIT CONTENT APPS

ASK.FM



(13+) Ask.Fm is known for cyberbullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.

HOLLA



(17+) Holla is a video chat app similar to facetime. It allows people to meet others all over the world in just seconds. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.

TIKTOK



(13+) Tiktok is a popular app used for creating and sharing short videos. The app has very limited privacy controls, and users are vulnerable to cyberbullying and explicit content.

DATING / MEETUP APPS

(These apps are intended for adults. However, kids have been known to falsify their age to access them.)

MEETME



(17+) Meetme is a dating app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app's name suggests, users are encouraged to meet each other in person.

BADOO



(18+) Badoo is a dating and social networking app where users can chat, share photos and videos, and connect based on location. The app is intended for adults only, but teens are known to create profiles.

BUMBLE



(18+) Bumble is similar to the popular dating app "tinder." However, it requires women to make the first contact. Users are vulnerable to cyberbullying and explicit content.

SOCIAL APPS

CALCULATOR+



(17+) Calculator+ is one of several secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.

GRINDR



(18+) Grindr is a dating app that gives users options to chat, share photos, and meet in person based on a smartphone's gps location. Children have been known to use Grindr to create fake profiles and falsify their age.

SKOUT



(18+) Skout is a location-based dating app and website. It allows you to share your location and exchange virtual gifts.

DISCORD



(13+) (Discord updated its age rating to 17+ at Apple's request.) Discord allows users to talk to friends or strangers in real-time via voice, text, or video chat while playing video games. Reviewers say they have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, cyberbullying, and more.

KIK



(13+) (Apple age rating is 17+.) Kik allows anyone to contact and direct message users. Kids can bypass traditional text messaging features.

WHATSAPP



(13+) Whatsapp is a popular messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemail, make calls, and video chat worldwide.

LIVE.ME



(18+) 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.

SNAPCHAT



(13+) Snapchat is one of the most popular apps. While the app promises users can send a photo or video and it will disappear after it's been viewed, newer features allow users to view content for up to 24 hours and allow users to see your location.

WHISPER



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