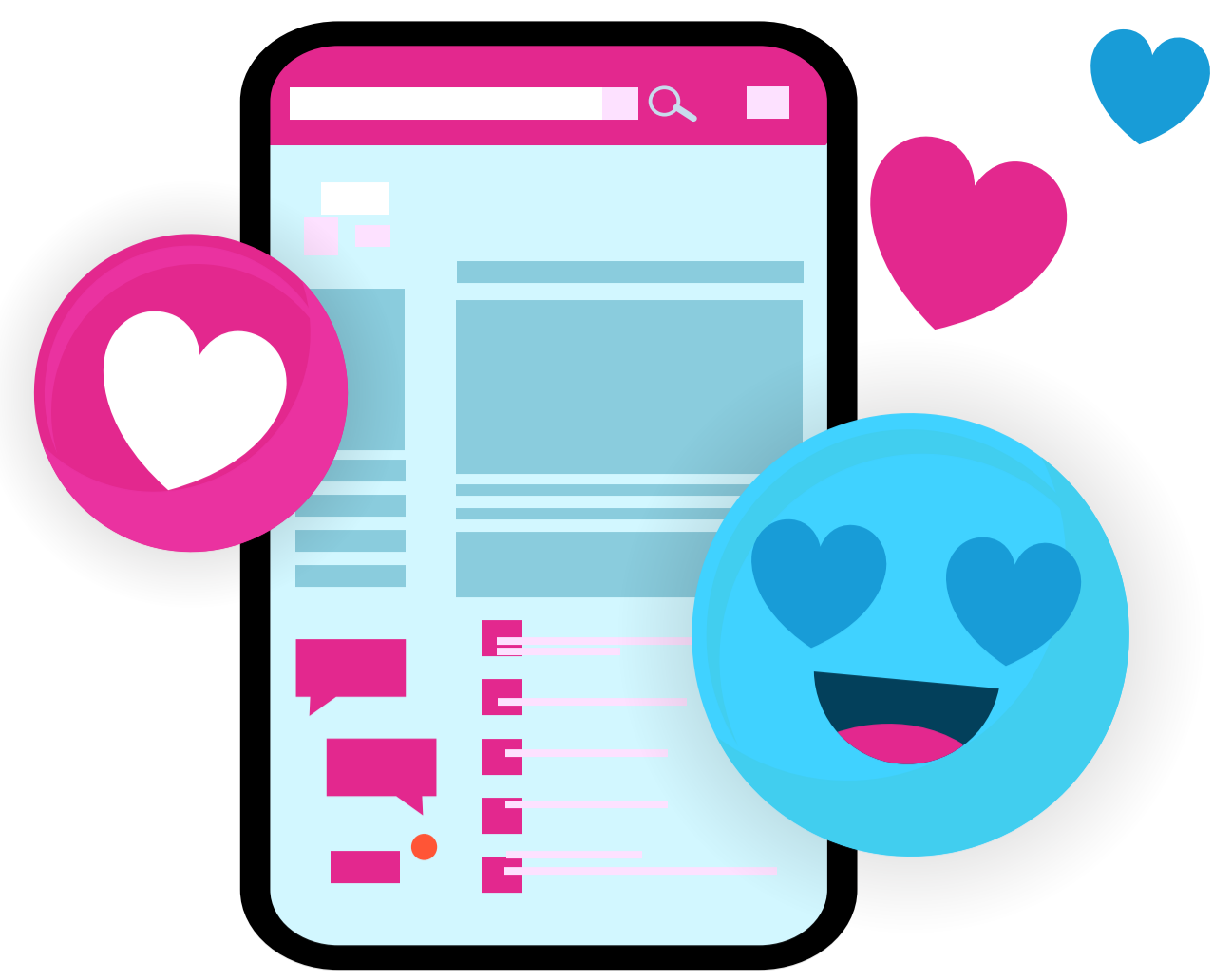


# POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS APPS PARENTS / TEACHERS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT

THESE APPS CAN EASILY BE USED AS GROOMING TOOLS BY ONLINE PREDATORS LOOKING TO MEET UP & SEXUALLY ABUSE CHILDREN.



This is not exhaustive, and updated each year to reflect new risks and dangers (updated 2022). New apps are constantly being created, so it's important to monitor what children download.

<p><b>FACEBOOK</b> Allows you to connect with others and share comments, photos and videos. You can add friends, write on people's pages and posts, join groups and play games.</p> 	<p><b>SNAPCHAT</b> Is one of the most popular apps in recent years. Whilst the app promises that photo's, videos and stories disappear, others can take screenshots of private photo's.</p> 	<p><b>INSTAGRAM</b> Kids are creating fake accounts to hide content from their parents, according to police. Messages are also deleted once a user leaves a conversation.</p> 
<p><b>WHATSAPP</b> Allows you to send messages, images and videos in 121 and group chats with your contacts. You can choose to share your live location for up to eight hours with one contact or a group.</p> 	<p><b>OMEGLE</b> Is a video chat website where users are matched randomly with strangers.</p> 	<p><b>KIK MESSAGING Kik</b> Is a messaging app that allows content normally filtered on a home computer.</p> 
<p><b>WHISPER</b> Is an anonymous social media app that promotes sharing personal secrets with strangers, (new people). It reveals a users location so people can meet up.</p> 	<p><b>CALCULATOR %</b> Is only one of SEVERAL social media apps disguised as a calculator, the app is actually a secret photo vault to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.</p> 	<p><b>HOT ON NOT</b> Strangers rate a user's 'attractiveness' with the aim of real-world meet ups in your local area.</p> 
<p><b>ASK.FM</b> Ann app where users can anonymously ask questions and receive answers. The app has been featured in a number of cyber bullying cases.</p> 	<p><b>YUBO</b> Similar to Tinder, the app is designed to allow teens to flirt with each other.</p> 	<p><b>BURN BOOK</b> Anonymous rumors can be posted about people through audio messages, texts and photos.</p> 
<p><b>WISHBONE</b> This app allows users to compare kids and rate them on a scale.</p> 	<p><b>SKOUT</b> Is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.</p> 	<p><b>MEET ME</b> Is a dating social media app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. The app encourages people to meet</p> 
<p><b>TELLOYMN</b> Anonymous messenger app. It calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." Age controls are inconsistent and sexual explicit material can be found.</p> 	<p><b>Zoomerang</b> Is a popular app that looks like a harmless messaging app however it allows private anonymous messaging and is location enabled.</p> 	<p><b>TIK TOK</b> Is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.</p> 
<p><b>FACEBOOK MESSENGER</b> Is one of the most popular message apps in the world. It has already heavily been used by predators and the end-to-end encryption will make it even more unsafe.</p> 	<p><b>BADDOO</b> Is a location based dating app and website. Whilst people under 17 are unable to share private photo's, Children can easily create fake accounts.</p> 	<p><b>KIDSCHAT</b> Is one of the most popular apps in recent years used for sharing short videos with very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to explicit material.</p> 
<p><b>VINE</b> Allows users to watch and post six second videos. While many of the videos are harmless, porn videos do pop up into the feed, exposing your children to sexually explicit material.</p> 	<p><b>POOF</b> Hides other apps on your phone. If children have apps that they want to keep hidden from their parents, all they have to do is download this app and "poof," their screen is clear.</p> 	<p><b>DISCORD</b> A gaming app that allows video sharing and video chat. Bullying is a problem on Discord. Some of the bigger problems include suicidal ideation, hate speech and graphic images.</p> 
<p><b>HOOP</b> Hoop is a dating app that connects to SnapChat and allows 12 + teens to swipe on pictures that they like with the purpose of meeting. This leads to issues with fraud and sexual predators.</p> 	<p><b>GALLERYVAULT</b> GalleryVault and other vault apps hide photos and videos. One of the scarier options on it gives the user access to a secret web browser and alerts the user if someone attempts to break into the app.</p> 	<p><b>PSST!</b> Is a chat room app that prides itself on messages being deleted almost immediately from the server, ID-masking, and secretive private chat. For parents, these features are worrying.</p> 

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