

APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

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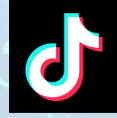
 These apps might seem harmless, but they can expose kids to predators, explicit content, or manipulation.

OME TV



A random live video chat app that connects children with strangers, exposing them to sexual content, screenshots, and potential extortion.

TIKTOK



A short-form video app where children can receive direct messages and live interactions from adults, with algorithms that can expose them to inappropriate content.

MONKEY



A swipe-style video chat app that pairs users with strangers, encouraging appearance-based interactions and unsupervised contact with adults.

WHATSAPP



An encrypted messaging app that allows private chats, calls, and disappearing messages that are difficult for parents to monitor.

NGL



An anonymous question app that allows anyone to send messages to a child, often leading to harassment, sexual questions, and emotional manipulation.

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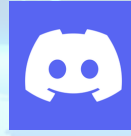
A messaging app that does not require a phone number and allows users to message anyone by username, making it popular for anonymous contact with minors.

INSTAGRAM



A social media app that includes private messaging, disappearing messages, and multiple account features that can hide interactions from parents.

DISCORD



A chat platform often associated with gaming that includes private messages, voice chat, and unmoderated servers where adults can contact children.

TELLONYM



An anonymous social app where users receive questions and comments from strangers, frequently used for cyberbullying and inappropriate messages.

ROBLOX



A popular online game with in-game chat and messaging features that allow strangers to communicate with children and move conversations off the platform.

SNAPCHAT



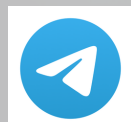
A messaging app with disappearing messages, hidden photo vaults, and location sharing that can make it difficult for parents to monitor who is contacting their child.

CHATSPIN



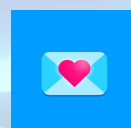
A live video chat app that connects users with random strangers, increasing the risk of sexual exposure and exploitation.

TELEGRAM



A messaging app with encrypted and secret chats that allows users to communicate anonymously and share content with little oversight.

SENDIT



An anonymous messaging add-on that lets strangers send questions to a child's social media account, often leading to harassment or inappropriate content.

DATING APPS

These apps allow users to create profiles, message strangers, and share their location, and minors may gain access by falsifying their age, putting them at risk of contact with adults.

TINDER



BUMBLE



BADOO



HILY



MEETME



SKOUT



PLENTY OF FISH



OKCUPID



ZOOSK



GRINDR



HER



VAULT APPS

These apps disguise or lock photos, videos, messages, and files behind passwords or fake interfaces, allowing children to hide content and activity from parents.

CALCULATOR +



VAULTY



KEEPSAFE



COVERME



LOCKMYPPIX



PRIVATE PHOTO VAULT



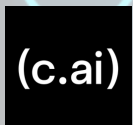
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AI COMPANION APPS

These apps allow users to chat with AI characters that can engage in private, emotionally manipulative, or sexualized conversations, potentially normalizing secrecy and inappropriate interactions.

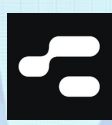
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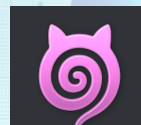
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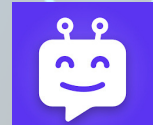
TALKIE AI



JANITOR AI



BOTIFY AI



Consider using parental control apps to help curate the apps your child can have on their phone.



SOURCES: FBI, NTIA, COMMON SENSE MEDIA, KAPERSKY

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FOR MORE INFO ON KEEPING CHILDREN SAFE ONLINE

FOR MORE INFO ON THE RISKS OF AI COMPANION APPS