

# 20 APPS PARENTS & CARERS NEED TO KNOW

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|  <b>Snapchat</b> <p>Messages and photos disappear. Children can be pressured to send images because they believe they will not be saved. Location sharing can show where a child is in real time.</p>             |  <b>Roblox</b> <p>Although it looks like a children's game, it includes chat features. Children can be contacted by strangers and slowly groomed through friendly game play.</p>                |  <b>Kik Messenger</b> <p>Accounts can be anonymous. It is often used to move conversations away from apps parents may check.</p>                           |  <b>Fortnite</b> <p>Voice chat allows children to talk to strangers during games. Language and behaviour are often inappropriate.</p>       |
|  <b>TikTok</b> <p>Children can see adult content, receive sexual comments, and be contacted by strangers. Live videos allow real-time interaction, which can quickly become unsafe.</p>                           |  <b>Telegram</b> <p>Messages and groups are encrypted, making them difficult to monitor. It is used to share sexual images, harmful material, and to keep conversations hidden from adults.</p> |  <b>Hoop</b> <p>The app connects directly to Snapchat and encourages children to add new contacts quickly, including people they have never met.</p>       |  <b>Reddit</b> <p>Children can easily access sexual, violent, or extreme material through posts and comments.</p>                           |
|  <b>Instagram</b> <p>Messages allow strangers to contact children directly. Many children run secondary accounts that parents do not know about. There is strong pressure around appearance and popularity.</p> |  <b>OmeTV</b> <p>Random video chats with strangers. No effective safeguarding. Sexual content and adult behaviour are common. Children have no control over who appears on screen.</p>        |  <b>LiveMe</b> <p>Children can broadcast themselves live to anyone watching. Viewers can comment in real time, including adults.</p>                     |  <b>BeReal</b> <p>The app prompts children to take photos instantly, which can lead to oversharing without thinking about safety.</p>     |
|  <b>WhatsApp</b> <p>Private chats and group chats are often used for school or friendship groups, but bullying, exclusion, and sharing of images can happen quickly and spread widely.</p>                      |  <b>Yubo</b> <p>The app is designed to meet new people. Children can live stream and chat with strangers, which can quickly become sexual or exploitative.</p>                                |  <b>Calculator+</b> <p>These apps look like calculators but are used to hide photos, videos, and messages from parents and carers.</p>                   |  <b>Twitch</b> <p>Children watch and interact with live streamers through chat, which often includes adults and unmoderated comments.</p> |
|  <b>Discord</b> <p>Children join private chat servers linked to gaming or interests. These spaces are often unmoderated and can include adults, sexual content, or harmful language.</p>                        |  <b>Monkey</b> <p>Children are placed into random video chats with people they do not know. They have no control over who appears on screen.</p>  |  <b>YouTube</b> <p>Children can be exposed to adult content through suggested videos, comments, and live streams, even when watching innocent clips.</p> |  <b>Bumble</b> <p>This is a dating app. Despite age limits, some under-18s access it to talk to adults looking for relationships.</p>     |