

# 10 Apps Every Parent Should Know



## Calculator%

This app looks like a calculator but functions as a secret photo vault.



## Kik

This app allows you to connect to others with just a username and without using a phone number. Teens can text, send and receive images and videos from people beyond their phone contacts. Reviews in the App store and Google Play store reveal that many people use Kik to meet strangers for “sexting”. Pedophiles use Kik as a way to target children.



## SnapChat

This app allows you to send images with messages that can only be viewed for a short amount of time before they disappear. SnapChat has been widely known for “sexting” and sending inappropriate content among teens. Snapchat also has a new location feature. If not disabled on your phone, all “friends” are able to see your child’s exact location on a map.



## Amino

In this app you can discover and search different communities of people. You can also chat with the communities you identify with. Amino is rated 12+ based on mild sexual content and nudity, simulated gambling, alcohol, tobacco, or drug use or references, realistic violence, horror/fear themes, cartoon/fantasy violence, profanity/crude humor, mature or suggestive themes.



## Whisper

This app allows you to post secrets anonymously and also allows you to chat with others in your geographic area. Many children are drawn to communicate with strangers, feeling their secrets are safer with them than with their friends. This app is a perfect tool for ill-intentioned strangers looking to connect with young people because it allows you to exchange messages with people nearest to you (so your child’s anonymity can be easily lost).





### OMEGLE

A free online chat website that promotes chatting anonymously to strangers. OMEGLE randomly pairs them with another user and allows them to chat privately together through text, video, or using a built-in microphone. Even on OMEGLE's website, it clearly states "predators have been known to use OMEGLE, so please be safe."



### Instagram

Many kids are now creating fake accounts to hide content from parents. Kids and teens like to text using Instagram because messages are deleted once a user leaves the conversation.



### Live.me

This is a live video streaming app that lets a user (known as broadcaster) broadcast videos, chat, share and follow different broadcasters. Live streaming life can be risky, especially for a young person who may be influenced to share too much personal information or inappropriate content to gain views or likes.



### Ask.fm

This is a social networking app set up in a question and answer format that is very popular with teens and tweens. Ask.fm user's can ask questions anonymously, answer questions anonymously, and lurk on another user's profile anonymously. This app has been widely known for bullying between young users, and linked in suicide cases among teens.



### Yik Yak

This is a location based social media app. It was designed to give users a glimpse at what people in their geographic area are saying. As all posts on Yik Yak are posted anonymously, this leads to another platform for cyber bullying.

Important notice - Game apps that have chat rooms are target areas for child molesters.

**Dangerous new apps pop up every day. Are you aware what your child is being exposed to?**

