# 20 APPS PARENTS & CARERS NEED TO KNOW

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### Snapchat
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.

### Roblox
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.

### Kik Messenger
Accounts can be anonymous. It is often used to move conversations away from apps parents may check.

### Fortnite
Voice chat allows children to talk to strangers during games. Language and behaviour are often inappropriate.

### TikTok
Children can see adult content, receive sexual comments, and be contacted by strangers. Live videos allow real-time interaction, which can quickly become unsafe.

### Telegram
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.

### Hoop
The app connects directly to Snapchat and encourages children to add new contacts quickly, including people they have never met.

### Reddit
Children can easily access sexual, violent, or extreme material through posts and comments.

### Instagram
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.

### OmeTV
Random video chats with strangers. No effective safeguarding. Sexual content and adult behaviour are common. Children have no control over who appears on screen.

### LiveMe
Children can broadcast themselves live to anyone watching. Viewers can comment in real time, including adults.

### BeReal
The app prompts children to take photos instantly, which can lead to oversharing without thinking about safety.

### WhatsApp
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.
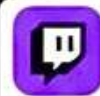
### Yubo
The app is designed to meet new people. Children can live stream and chat with strangers, which can quickly become sexual or exploitative.

### Calculator+
These apps look like calculators but are used to hide photos, videos, and messages from parents and carers.

### Twitch
Children watch and interact with live streamers through chat, which often includes adults and unmoderated comments.

### Discord
Children join private chat servers linked to gaming or interests. These spaces are often unmoderated and can include adults, sexual content, or harmful language.

### Monkey
Children are placed into random video chats with people they do not know. They have no control over who appears on screen.

### YouTube
Children can be exposed to adult content through suggested videos, comments, and live streams, even when watching innocent clips.

### Bumble
This is a dating app. Despite age limits, some under-18s access it to talk to adults looking for relationships.

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