

PROBLEMATIC APPS TRENDING WITH KIDS & TEENS in 2019

Texting Apps

These apps enable users to send short messages to friends (often for free) over the internet. Users do not pay a fee to a mobile carrier.

House Party We Chat What'sApp ooVoo
Telegram Group Me Kik Messenger

Micro-blogging & Video Messaging Apps

Users post short comments, photos or videos. Posts can be shared among friends and/or strangers. Often used to quickly link a group of friends via video to spread word about an event or party. No or avoidable age restrictions. Geotagging is standard.

Instagram Tumblr Vine ggag Monkey / Holla
Twitter ooVoo Holla Marco Polo House Party

Self-Destructing Apps *(delete)*

Temporary apps allow people to send messages and images that self-destruct after a set period of time. Kids can use these apps to carefully manage their digital trails. However, it often inspires kids to share private, inappropriate things under the false impression that everything "disappears." It does not.

Burn Note Live.ly Snapchat Slingshot

Hiding Apps *(delete)*

If children or teens wish to hide questionable apps, photos, or posts from parents, all they need to do is download one of these apps. These apps hide content on the homescreen as if it does not exist. Content can be disguised as a calculator or simply protected by a password. Many websites offer tips on how to create hidden folders.

Poof Hidelt Vault Calulator%
Vaulty SpyCalc KeepSafe Locker

Anonymous Apps *(delete)*

Anonymous apps allow users to go incognito online. These apps are often riddled with inappropriate content. They also can encourage bullying behavior and cruel comments.

Cloaq YikYak Ask.fm AfterSchool tbh
Whisper Brighten Secret Sarahah Psst!
Nod Anomo Say.at.me

Random Video Chatting Apps *(delete)*

Chatting with random strangers on video apps is a rising trend. Many apps use simple swipe technology & random pairings globally. Adults wishing to join a children's group can do so easily & vice-versa. Geotagging is typically the default. Content can be graphic.

Omegle Holla Monkey Chatroulette
Skout Instachat Kiwi

Chatting, Meeting, Dating Apps *(delete)*

These adult-oriented apps are often highly sexual & most encourage live contact between strangers. Age recommendations typically 17+ but some apps are now marketed directly to tweens & teens.

MeetMe Tinder Hppn Down Datetivity Crushzone
Hinge Blendr Skout Taffy Nearify Bumble
Whisper YUBO (described as Tinder for Teens, ages 12+)

Live Streaming Apps *(monitor)*

These apps allow kids & teens to stream live videos to their friends and followers in real-time. The videos are often geotagged so viewers know your child's current location. These sites are rife w/ examples of kids over sharing personal information. Many apps children already own have this feature: i.e. Youtube & Instagram

Meerket Periscope Livestream Hang w/
Live.me Ustream YouNow Twitch musical.ly (TicTok)

