

# Most Dangerous Teen Apps of 2019

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YouNow



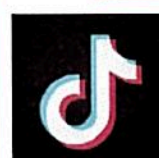
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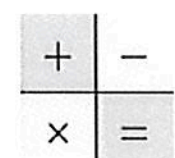
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## Messaging Apps



GroupMe

15+

App allows too much access to sexualized content that is not easily detected.



Alive with Me

App may no longer exist



WeChat

16+ Connected through Facebook. What makes it Bad: Built in features that make location of user discoverable.



Viber

16+

Can be used internationally with wifi access. App identifies other Viber users and locations



Messenger



Chatous

Not safe for children or teens. Randomly matches strangers. Reports of men posing as women, fake profiles. Strangers can contact children and app has a feature where users can search by age.



Line

16+

Multifaceted text, video, voice messaging. Has option for hidden chats



Oovoo

What it is: Video chatting app where users can chat with up to 2 other users at a time.

Why it is bad: Kids MUST use privacy settings and only let people they KNOW chat with them, otherwise strangers can enter the chat.



## Friend Finder & Social Media Apps



Skout

What it is: Flirting app used to meet people. There is a teen version with slightly more safety features, but to by pass these all you need to do is enter fake birth date which allows kids into the adult sector which includes profanity, suggestive pictures, and private messaging with strangers who CAN SEE THEIR LOCATION!!



Flamingo

App used with Snapchat. Not safe for children. App uses location data to match users. In app video feature allows to send and receive videos from strangers



MeetMe

What it is: App that uses GPS to allow users to meet people who live near by. Why it is bad: No age verification, linked to Facebook so location is easily identifiable to others. Popularity rating makes seeking approval from others seem like a game



Get Friends for Snapchat

17+  
Dating app. Children can be matched with adults. No age verification tools.



Nextdoor

Localized social network for neighborhoods. Safe for mature kids and teens. Used to communicate break ins, unusual traffic in neighborhoods



Yubo

17+  
What it is: Formerly YellowMake New Friends social media app. Why it is bad: Allows users to see location of other users

## Hookup Apps



Blendr

18+

Location based social networking, no age verification tools. App used often as dating app. Not safe for children



Down

What it is: Dating App connected to Facebook

Why it is bad: Allows user to classify friends into people they would be “down” with “hooking up” creating normalcy for a sexual hook up culture for kids



Badoo

18+

Tracks location then matches users with potentially thousands of people in surrounding area.

Location of users is accessible



Grindr

18+

Dating app developed for the LBGTQ community. Uses geolocation to match users. Can send texts, photos, video and voice messages.

Not safe for children



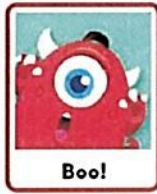
Tinder

17+

What it is: Mainly used as dating app or anonymous hook up locator.

Why it is bad: App rated 17+, but teens as young as 13 can register. Connects with Facebook and allows users to find others in their geographical region and start instant messaging them as soon as both users have “like” one another. Allows sexual harassment, stalking, etc.

## Video Chat Apps



More streamlined version of Snapchat.



Not safe for kids. Connects strangers across the globe. Can text, video and voice chat. Common complaint: Many “strangers” are men pleasuring themselves on video



What it is: Video chat app. Communicate with live video and texts in chat groups.

Why it is bad: No screening and video is live, nothing to keep kids from inappropriate content. Nothing to keep friends of friends from joining group.



17+

What it is: Video calling app

Why it is bad: No age verification, live streaming which allows for inappropriate content



16+

What it is: app that uses voice, text and video for communicating with others.

Why it is bad: Allows users to chat with strangers. Profiles are set to public upon registering and must be manually changed to private.



17+

What it is: App to share video/music , images from YouTube and Spotify in real time.

Why it is bad: No content filter



18+

App for live video chat sessions with strangers

Why it is bad: App INSISTS on access to camera and microphone. Default settings automatically connect user to random chats with users who could be doing literally anything including sexual acts. Uses phone location tracker.



## Live Streaming Apps



Live.me

17+

App can be damaging to self esteem of kids due to the ranking feature for videos. Sexual images and videos are readily available.

\*\*\* Sexual predators are everywhere\*\*\*



YouNow

17+

What it is: Live streaming app used either with existing Facebook, Twitter, or Google+ accounts or you can view broadcasts without registering. Profanity is prevalent on this site



Cake

17+

Dating app that matches strangers. Strangers can privately contact other users.. Kids can be matched with adults for video chats.

No age verification available



Periscope

What it is: Live streaming app that streams video to Twitter.

Why it is bad: Since it is live streaming, it is difficult to keep users from producing images with nudity or pornographic content which makes this a favorite of predators.



Bigo

17+

What it is: App for video blogs or live streaming

Why it is bad: Profile includes age, gender, location. Also users can give live commentary on videos which can be shared to Facebook and Twitter. Bad language and Nudity



TikTok

What it is: formerly known as Musical.ly. App is used to share short videos of 3-15 seconds or looping videos of 3-60 seconds.

Why it is bad: Minimum age of 13, but no way to validate age so anyone can use the app. Concerns have been raised about children being exposed to inappropriate language. ALL accounts are public.



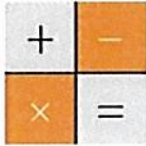
Monkey

17+

What it is: app that randomly connects users to other users on SnapChat for 10 second video chats.

Why it is bad: Can see name and age before accepting video . NO AGE VERIFICATION

## Vault Apps



Calculator+

This app is safe. Genuine calculator app



Hide Pictures  
Keep Safe

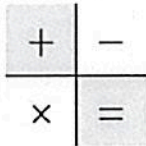
App allows user to hide content such as texts, videos, and pictures. Content is hidden behind many passwords and has back up feature to keep contents protected in the event phone crashes.



Best Secret  
Folder

IOS system only. Content cloaking or vault app. Files are kept in an average looking folder called "My Utilities". When someone tries to access these files, they are prompted to enter a password. If access is failed four times, app will take picture of person attempting to access files and send picture of user and location to email along with the number of times access was attempted.

NOT SAFE FOR CHILDREN



Keepsafe  
Calculator

Decoy app that opens as a calculator when initially opened. Allows sure to store content that can only be accessed when a PIN is entered on the calculator itself. Parents BEWARE!