



# Apps Parents Should Know About

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# Yik-Yak



- Anonymous social media app.
- “Yakkers” can post comments so other “Yakkers” in the area can read them.
- Has been used for spreading mean comments, rumors, etc.
- Identifies user’s exact location.

# Tinder



- Helps people find others near them.
- Allows users to view each others' photos and start instant messaging once both people have "liked" one another.
- A “hook-up” app.
- Can put kids at risk for sexual harassment, stalking, and worse.

# Ask.fm



- Question-and-answer format – with friends, peers, and anonymous users.
- Some kids have used the app for hurtful cyber-bullying.

# Kik



- Users can text quickly with more of a "face-to-face" feel than regular texting.
- App is rated ages 17+, but there is no age verification so anyone can download it.
- Has been used for cyberbullying.

# Snapchat & Poke



- Allow users to send photos and videos that disappear within a few seconds.
- Some kids have used it to send inappropriate pictures/images.
- Many believe the images can't be saved and circulated – but they can be retrieved from the device or saved with a screenshot.

# Vine



- Users shoot and share short 6 second, looping videos.
- Rated 17+, but children and teens are still downloading it.
- Sometimes used to transmit inappropriate videos.

# Whisper



- Lets users set up anonymous accounts to make their messages or “confessions” overlap an image.
- Other users can “like,” share, or comment on the confession.
- Can send overly personal content viral.

# Tumblr



- Photo sharing app.
- Users can access pornographic, violent, and inappropriate content.
- Mental health experts say that it can be damaging to the mental health of adolescence because it tends to glorify self-harm and eating disorders.

# Instagram



- Photo sharing app.
- Users can add filters or create collages and share them across Facebook and other social media platforms.
- May be slightly tamer than Tumblr, but users can still find mature or inappropriate content and comments throughout the app.

# Poof



- Hides apps on a phone. You select which apps you want to hide and their icons will no longer show up on your smartphone screen.
- If you see the Poof app on your child's phone, be sure to ask what he/she is hiding.

# Apps to Meet Strangers

**Chit Chat Pro**

**Skout+**

**Path**

**Pheed**

**Badoo**

**Meet Me**

**ChatRoulette**

**Omegle**

# For More Information...

- <http://fun.familyeducation.com/social-networking/cyberbullying/74548.html#.VHOXQf00aok.email>