

10 Apps Teens Are Using That Parents Should Know About



Snapchat

Is used by teens as a way to communicate with friends. When messages or pictures are sent to others, they disappear within seconds and stories go away after 24 hours.



Calculator%

While this app may look like a calculator, it is not. Teens use it to hide pictures and content that they do not want their parents to see. To open this app you must have a password.



Omegle

Encourages users to chat anonymously with strangers. It can be extremely unsafe as someone might trick children into thinking they are someone they are not.



Kik

Is primarily used for messaging, but has a huge range of other features, many not appropriate for minors.



TikTok

Very popular among teens to connect with friends and admirers through likes, comments, and even duets. Cyberbullying and access to inappropriate content have been reported by many parents.

Instagram

Very popular way to share photos and videos. Many kids will create fake accounts, or finstas, to hide inappropriate content from their parents.



Hot or Not

Is commonly used by teens to hook-up with other people. Once a profile is made, strangers will rate the teens profile based on the pictures they post.



Wishbone

Very similar to Hot or Not but more popular with teenage girls. This app has led to online grooming & cyberbullying.



Burn Book

Users post anonymous rumors about people through audio messages, texts, and photos. While this app has been removed from iTunes it still can be downloaded from Google Play.



Ask.fm

Users ask anonymous questions for strangers to answer. This app has been linked to the most severe forms of cyberbullying and should be used with caution.

