

## Parent Academy

### Where Is My Child App Socially?

#### Anonymous User Sites – Welcoming Cyber Bullying & Sexting.



**4chan.org** – Users are mostly anonymous. Internet at its worst in one spot.



**AfterSchool** – “Funny anonymous school news for confessions & compliments” Much like Yik Yak & Whisper. App allows sexual and graphic images. Found in Apple Store.



**Ask.fm** – Popular network used to ask anonymous questions. There are no restriction to topic or language and no content is reviewed before it’s published. Lots of cyberbullying has occurred on this site leading some teens to suicidal thoughts. Based out of Dublin, Ireland.



**Burnbook** – Users anonymously post pictures and text. Harsh comments directed towards peers are a common theme. Developer warns users of IP address tracking and that it is *not truly anonymous*.



**Cloak** – Users enter a password and get assigned an idea number. The idea is that there is no personal information to be hacked. App premise is to get things off your chest. Obvious issue is another cesspool for garbage to be said about others.



**Fess** – An anonymous app for high school students to post confessions. Only for high school students and are validated through Facebook. Age requirement 13 years of age.



**Google Docs** – Students can connect with outside users. Sharing of sexting or inappropriate images as well as bullying, threats of physical violence and drug references.



**Leak** – New anonymous email service suspended a week after released in 2014, but working on rerelease.



**MyEx.com** – Worst revenge-porn site.



**PhotoSwap** – Anonymous photo exchange.



**Reddit** – Users are mostly anonymous.



**Smack High** – Geared for high school students allowing them to share instant school specific news and info by talking ‘smack’ about others.



**Secret** – Is all about sharing secrets anonymously. Send short text and image posts to friends without revealing the identity of the person who post. Hot bed for mean and nasty comments. Age requirement 13.



**Spring.me** – Sister website to Ask.fm.



**Trivia Crack** – Users compete against friends and people around the world. Random person feature and chat feature lead to potential problems.



**Truth** – App used to message your phone contacts anonymously. Truth or DARE type games.



**uMentioned** – Site claims “...completely anonymous, express more.” ...juiciest stories, darkest secrets and funniest moments shared by students on your campus. iTunes claims site is ok for 12 and up even with the frequent profanity/crude humor, mature themes and infrequent drug use references???



**Whisper** – This is an anonymous social “confessional” app allowing users to post whatever is on their mind. Users share a confession, add a background and post to a community all without sharing their identity. Teens are sharing sensitive information with strangers. A lot of the content focus is on sex and drug abuse. Many share tragic events and depressive thoughts. Users share understanding there is no confidentiality.



**YikYak** – Similar to Ask.Fm, but views are limited to those close to you geographically. YikYak claims to be blocked in 85% of high schools. You don't have to know those you connect with when sharing 'Yaks' in the 1.5 mile radius of your device. Huge for cyberbullying and bomb threat issues already. 17+ age limit.

## Chat or Video Chat Sites – Risky Teen Behaviors Conducted Create Many Dangers.



**ChatRoulette.com** – *Anonymous* video chatting online with anyone. There are no blocks or filters. Video chatters are frequently lacking clothing.



**Facebook Messenger** – Allows photo and video exchange as well as phone calls. Also has location based capabilities leading to other issues.



**FireChat** – App allowing users to chat without an internet or phone connection. Uses a hidden iOS feature Multipeer Connectivity Framework (MCF) to relay messages.



**Fling/Super Fling** – Allows you to send a text, photo or video to 50 completely *random users anywhere in the world*.



**Foursquare** – App used to locate things within your vicinity. Location sharing to a public audience at any time even when it is turned off.



**Google +** – Tool used for bullies. Hangout can be used for anyone to conduct private video chatting.



**Grom Social** – Social network site for ages 5 – 16.



**LiveJournal** – Social networking service where internet users blog, journal and diary.



**MeerKat** – Live video streaming on the app and Twitter. Cyberbullying, inappropriate content, sexual predators and other issues.



**Omegle** – Instant message service chatting with random strangers. Also a website rather than app. Webcam & photo capabilities. Lots of nudity on the site. Haven for sexual predators. Utilizes Facebook to connect with others. Personal info is at high risk. NOT FOR KIDS.



**Oovoo** – Video chat similar to Skype. Able to webcam with others and have group video chats with up to 12 strangers. Can record and upload videos to YouTube as well as IM features. 13 is the age requirement.



**Periscope** – Livestreaming right from phones created by Twitter. Anyone that uses this app can watch them live. Risks include access to inappropriate content, posting poor content and/or personal information. Lots of cyber bullying. Location sharing features allowing predators to see and know where children are located if not deactivated. Age limit is 13+.



**Viber** – Chat and photo sharing platform.



**Voxer** – Mobile-based messaging or walkie talkie app to leave voice messages. Easy voice/image/location sharing. Location sharing is done by default putting kids at risk. Requirement is 13 years of age.



**YouNow** – Webcam based site where teens are live video streaming while others post comments, statements and questions to the webcam'ing teen(s). Webcammers receive “LIKES” and after so many they are trending. Teens are asked to ‘twerk’ (shake their butts on screen), reveal addresses, phone numbers or links to their other social media accounts. Children are being viewed and followed by adults. You don't have to be a member to view the live streaming video.

## Social Networking, Mobile Messaging or Social Board Apps – Sites Consistent With Inappropriate Content



**Badoo** – Mobile messaging App less popular than WhatsApp or Kik.



**9gag.com** – Social Board with images and likely for very inappropriate content.



**Dropbox** – Students can receive info from unknown users. Evidence of sexting occurring in Dropbox.



**Instagram** – Users can post photos and have Followers. Photo/video sharing and social networking. Capabilities of altering photos. A *Selfie Central* site. Popular for sexting, bullying, tracking and selling drugs online. Geo-location services and privacy settings should all be adjusted to avoid risks. Age requirement 13.



**Keek** – Facebook, but with videos. Users post and share short videos.



**Kik** – Quick instant messaging service allowing text, photos and video sharing with fellow Kik users. Highly sexualized, graphic and inappropriate content. Cyber bullying as well with ability to Kik users out! Lots of porn spammers. Rated 17+ but obvious under age users.



**MySpace** – Gaining popularity among young users again due to parents believing it isn't used anymore.



**Path** – Social networking similar to Facebook.



**Pheed** – Think, Create, Produce, Share is their theme. Social networking app for voice-sharing, music, videos, photos and text.



**Rooms** – *Anonymous* social app created by Facebook. Able to create public or private 'rooms' on any topic. Feed of photos, videos or text.



**Skout** – App for meeting new people. Connect with people no matter where you are.



**Stretchat** – Anonymous photo-messaging board for school and college students. Similar to YikYak in cyberbullying theme. Post with anyone in a two mile radius. They don't monitor content and content is available to anyone in the world. Kids can 'up' posts they like and 'down' posts they don't. 12+ age limit.



**Tagged.com** – Social network teens use to meet new people that allows members to view profiles of fellow members, play games and share tags and virtual gifts. Sextortion cases have surfaced.



**Tango** – Offers free video and audio calls, messaging and chat groups of up to 50 people. Can share music, videos, decorated photos, post news feeds or play games. Stranger danger and hacking issues.



**Tumblr** – Kids can post anything, customize everything, find and follow anything. Inappropriate content, sex and drugs



**Twitter** – Can contain inappropriate links, images and videos. Also shares public or in groups privately.



**Video Kik** – Send videos of any length via Kik messenger. Sex spammers and easy for kids to access all types of porn.



**Vine** – Owned by Twitter to create and post short looping videos. Publicly humiliate and hurt others. 17 plus due to mature content, offensive language, nudity, drug use and sex.



**WhatsApp** – Similar to Kik but probably more popular. Teens set up groups, add new friends, exchange messages, links, photos, videos and voice files. Not a lot is known about the company and if they keep the content exchanged between people.



**Xanga** – Hosts web blogs, photo blogs and social network profiles.

## Disappearing Content after Viewing – Apps Used to Cyber Bully and Sext and Conduct Drug Deals



**Burn Note** – A texting App that erases messages after a set time. Messages are stored, but are deleted upon viewing them.



**Slingshot** – Facebook launch of Snapchat-like app. Friends send photos and videos, but you can't view until you send one yourself.



**Snapchat** – Selfie photos or videos that supposedly disappear within seconds. Screenshots and other methods allow images to be copied and distributed or found. Common use for sexting. Snapchatters info has been hacked. Age supposedly 13.



**ShotsofMe** – Justin Bieber invested in this 12+ photo sharing app. No comment sharing under photos, but there is are public comment or direct private comment features. It does have anti-trolling feature to help with cyberbullying, but it still can occur via private chat. Only available via Apple devices. Does show location and how long ago photos were taken.



**Frontback** – Another Snapchat type with a split screen feature to share regular photo and selfie at the same time. Also has location based features.

## Teen Dating Apps – All Kinds of Risky Behaviors are Evident in these Networks



**Blendr** – is a hookup app that is based on GPS location. The idea is to connect with those in close proximity to you via GPS. Premise is anonymity to communicate with anyone having the app. Big for sexting and potential online predators. 180 million users to get their Blend on!



**Down** – Is to set up discrete sexual encounters with Facebook friends. Tells Facebook friends you think are ‘sexy’ if they think you are ‘sexy’ too then you are notified they are “down to bang.” Site former called “Bang with Friends”. The ‘HOW’ page only is a bit disturbing with graphic images and inappropriate content for kids. Supposedly for 18 years and up, but Facebook is 13 and up.



**OkCupid** – Dating site for sex.



**Plenty of Fish (POF)** – Dating platform for easy messaging. Used for casual sex encounters.



**Tinder** – A voting/photo based location sharing dating website typically for casual sex encounters. Rating could boost confidence or result in cyber bullying & self-esteem issues.

## Other Dating Sites:

**Fundate City, Crush.Zone, MyLoL, Ourteen Network, MeetMe, Bebo, ChatPit, Teen Chat, TeenSay, Teens.Town, Knuddles.com**

## Off the Wall Site:



**Creepypasta** – Horror stories passed around to disturb and frighten readers. Fictional characters that inspire teens to attempt to kill other teens.

## Hide Tools – Utilized to Conceal Apps, Pictures, Videos and Content from Parents



**Best Secret Folder** – An iOS App used if you don't want anyone to know what you downloaded. *Disguised as "My Utilities"* creating a covert place for photos. There is an *"Intruder stopper"* option that plays fake videos when opened.



**Gallery Lock** – Android app used to hide photos. App icon can be in 'stealth mode' so it doesn't appear on the phone. It catches intruders photo's after three failed attempts to enter the device.



**Hide it Pro** – An Android and iOS app *disguised as a fully functional audio manager*. The program will disappear from the recent apps list...covering users' tracks.



**KeepSafe** – Android and iOS app with basic password protection for photos and videos. Capable of sending *'self-destructive'* photos to others.



**KYMS** – Android and iOS app hides photos, PDF's, Word Docs, Excel and PowerPoint and text files. *Disguised as a calculator*. There is a *'panic'* feature that by placing hand over screen the app closes.



**Photo Locker** – Android hidden photo & video app. It has 'stealth mode' that hides app in Android drawer.



**Private Photo (Calculator%)** – It appears as a calculator, but by punching in a code you unlock the photos or videos hidden behind the *calculator icon called "Calculator%"*

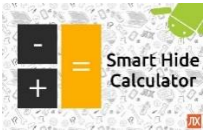




**Private Photo Vault** – iOS app to import photos in albums and hide them behind a PIN lock. There is a decoy button that launches a different set of pictures.



**Poof** – Created to hide other apps on a smartphone. Used to hide Snapchat or Whisper to prevent parents from learning of the download of such apps. No longer exist but some teens may still have on their phones.



**Smart Hide Calculator** – An Android app hides files and itself. It appears as a calculator, but with code it unlocks content.



**Spy Calc** – An iOS. Another calculator disguise that is opened with code to reveal content.



**Jailbreak or Rooting Apps** – Jailbreak for Apple and Rooting for Android... basically hacking ones' own device to lift restrictions on applications for the device. Allowing teens to download third party Apps and gain access to other features like Poof and other hide tools. Used to hide Apps, content and violent games from parents.



**Cydia App** icon is used frequently with jailbreak programs.