Nefarious Apps

INTERNET SAFETY TOOLS



KIDLOGGER:

A free app that lets you track what your child is doing online and also tracks the screenshots that they take.



ZOODLES:

A free app that features learning games and videos in a safe environment.



SCREENTIME:

A free app with premium features that lets parents set limits on when and how long a child can use an app.

BAD APPS



FACEBOOK, INSTAGRAM, TWITTER:

These apps allow users to post whatever content they wish and access the content of other users. Predators can look for vulnerable youth and message them freely. Instagram and Twitter allow for private accounts, but only if the user opts to use this feature. Facebook requires a friend request, however any user can request to send a message to another. In addition, colleges and employers look at what children post when making decisions about their future. Be on these apps if your children are.



SNAPCHAT:

Users can send a photo to other users which then disappears after it is viewed. Users can screenshot these pictures and save them to their personal device. There is a feature called SnapMap where users can find other account users' locations in real time.



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WHISPER:

A social networking app that encourages users to share secrets and photos anonymously. Their tagline is "Express Yourself - Share Secrets - Meet New People." Users can password protect the app's history so it is difficult to see who they have been in contact with.



SARAHAH:

Users can send and receive anonymous messages, which they can then share on other social media platforms. Typically, younger account users feel as though they can hide behind the label "anonymous" and use this app to bully others or send explicit messages that they otherwise would not have the courage to send.



KIK:

A messaging app that requires no verification of identity. Users are almost impossible to track down.

BAD APPS CONTINUED



YUBO:

Marketed as an app for finding new friends nearby and all over the world, this app as an interface very similar to the adult dating app, Tinder. It is made for children 13-17, however there is no age verification available. Video chat is also a feature on this app and it is possible for users to add people they meet on there to their Snapchat contacts.



MyLOL:

A teen dating app for people age 13-19. The age verification allows users to enter multiple birthdays, so it would be easy for a 20+ year old to enter the app and communicate with underage children. Has an interface similar to that of Tinder.



TANGO:

Allows users to livestream. The website says "Broadcast your world...whenever, wherever." Users can chat with strangers from all over the world and it is rated 17+, but anyone can download the app. Parents review the app saying there is inappropriate content on the livestreams.



ROBLOX:

A multiplayer online game which allows users to create their own levels and play levels created by others. There are parental controls, but even with these turned on, predators have found ways to communicate to children through the game. Third-party messaging apps used by predators may look like they are a legitimate part of the game. In addition, characters can be made to perform sexual tasks.



AFTERSCHOOL:

An anonymous app that allows users to post on a message board specific to their school. The verification for this occurs through Facebook, leaving a lot of room for adults to create a fake profile and enter the message boards. Apps like these are prone to bullying since they are anonymous.



ASKfm:

Lets users create an account where people can send them anonymous questions. They can answer the questions on this platform and share them to other social media. This app is infamous for being a center of bullying.



TIKTOK:

This app allows users to create videos of themselves lip syncing to popular songs or recreate other productions made by other users. Many account users hope to become popular creators and amass a large following. The demographic of users is very young, making it a popular destination for predators.



CALCULATOR PHOTO HIDERS:

Calculator Photo Hiders and other apps like it allow users to create password protected, secret, photo storage. These photos are not stored anywhere else on the device because once a photo is moved to this app it completely disappears from the camera roll. App users could use this application to store explicit photos.



AUDIO MANAGER:

Another vault application, this one looks like a simple audio managing app at the start, but a simple password lets users hide photos, videos, and other apps that they don't want someone else to see.