



ONLINE SAFETY



FOR TWEENS
& TEENS

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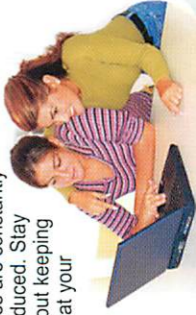


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Online Dangers and Your Children

When using a computer, smart phone, or tablet, your children may be exposed to sexual predators, cyberbullies, identity theft, and irreparable damage to his/her reputation and future success. Children need your help to become wise to the dangers they can experience online, especially through social media.

As a parent or caregiver, for the sake of safety you must keep current with your children's online activities and communicate with each other often. Social media apps and sites are a particular concern. The 14 apps outlined on the other side of this guide currently are among the most popular sites used by tweens and teens. But new apps and websites are constantly being introduced. Stay diligent about keeping up with what your children are doing online.



Internet Safety Checklist



- Learn about popular sites for young people, especially social media sites, apps, and terms. Know the ones your children use.
- Talk to your children about the Internet and the importance of being safe while online. Remind them that posts and images can be downloaded and shared by others.
- Become familiar with parental control programs. These can filter or block content and activities that are inappropriate for children.
- Monitor your children's Internet use. This includes maintaining access to their social networking and email accounts.
- Periodically search Google for your children's names to find any profiles and postings about them.



Popular Apps Parents Should Know



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Ask.fm: A site with a question-and-answer format that can be anonymous.

Potential Dangers Bullying

Blindr: A dating site that allows users to send photos and videos and connect with others nearby.

Potential Dangers Bullying, sexting, stranger danger

Down: Dating app that hooks up users who can rate each other's sexual appeal.

Potential Dangers Graphic images and content, focus on sexuality

Instagram: Users can share photos and short videos either publicly or privately.

Potential Dangers Bullying, sexting, stranger danger

Kik Messenger: Allows users to text and send images and videos anonymously.

Potential Dangers Bullying, sexting, sexual content, stranger danger

MeetMe: Uses GPS to allow users to meet new people who live nearby.

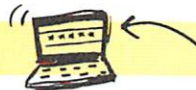
Potential Dangers Stranger danger

Omegle: Pairs two strangers in an audio or video chat room.

Potential Dangers Stranger danger, nudity, sexual content

OoVoo: A video and messaging app.

Potential Dangers Bullying, sexting, stranger danger



Snapchat: Allows users to post time-limited pictures and videos.

Potential Dangers Sexting, bullying, images can be saved by others

Tinder: Combines online dating, instant messaging, and GPS so users can meet one another.

Potential Dangers Bullying, sexting, stranger danger

Tumblr: Users create and follow short blogs made up of text, photos, videos, and audio clips.

Potential Dangers Bullying, sexting, stranger danger, porn, images of violence



Vine: Users can post and follow 6-second video clips.

Potential Dangers Bullying, sexting, images of nudity and drug use

Whisper: A site where users can post "confessional" text and images anonymously.

Potential Dangers Bullying, sexting, focus on negative or depressive behavior, nudity, stranger danger

Yik Yak: Lets anonymous users post brief comments to other nearby Yik Yak users.

Potential Dangers Bullying, sexual content

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