

Social Media Icons



Twitter: Tweets can contain up to 140 characters of text, as well as photos, videos and other forms of media. They are public by default and will show up in Twitter Timelines and searches unless they are sent from Protected Accounts or as Direct Messages. Tweets can be embedded in webpages.



Instagram- Fun and creative way to capture, edit and share photos, videos and messages with friends and family. It has become a location for microblogging and is full of accounts that are linked to porn sites and porn stars. Many kids are also creating fake accounts, called “finstagram.” Sometimes these are simply accounts used for one’s closest friends, but they are also highly used as a means of hiding an account(s) from Mom and Dad.



VSCO, also called VSCO Cam, is a photography app where you can create an account and upload or take photos, edit and add filters, and share them with other VSCO users or on other social media sites.



Tumblr is a microblogging and social networking website founded by David Karp in 2007, and owned by Oath Inc. The service allows users to post multimedia and other content to a short-form blog. ... Bloggers can also make their blogs private.



Facebook: Popular social networking site. Founded in 2004 by Mark Zuckerberg, the site is free to members and derives its revenue from ads. The name comes from the paper document with the names and faces issued to college freshman to help them get acquainted with each other. Using the search facilities, members can locate other Facebook members and “friend” them by sending them an invitation, or they can invite people to join Facebook (see [Faceslam](#)). Facebook offers instant messaging and photos sharing, and Facebook’s e-mail is the only messaging system many students ever use.

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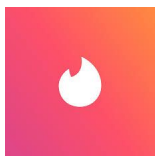
[Snapchat](#) is a messaging app that lets users put a time limit on the pictures and videos they send before they disappear. Most teens use the app to share goofy or embarrassing photos without the risk of them going public. However, there are lots of opportunities to use it in other ways. According to students this is a common app used to bully others.



Omegle: Is a free online chat website that allows users to socialize with others without the need to register. The service randomly pairs users to one-on-one chat sessions where they chat anonymously using the names “You” and a “Stranger.” Many videos exist of users standing nude in front of their cameras to surprise or shock the stranger on the other end.



Kik: A mobile messaging app. Kik allows users to connect with others using a username rather than a cellphone number, to send text, video, images, sketches, and more through their Wifi or data connection. It also boasts an in-app web browser, so users can check out links and other social media accounts all without leaving the app, making it especially appealing for users as well as the companies trying to reach them.



Tinder: Tinder is a dating app. People use for casual hookups. As recently as last evening a rape occurred via Tinder hookup...



House Party: A group video chat app, you are notified as soon as your friends are on and you can have a group or private, live conversation. Where this opens up an entire new circle of communication and online safety is that if one person in the chat happens to be connected to a user and the others are not friends, those

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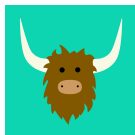
connections are still able to join the conversation because of the mutual connection. Which means that kids who do know each other have the opportunity to be chatting with people they do not know. Also of concern, is the ability to take a screenshot of the people you are chatting with, without them knowing about it.



Hot or Not: A user must first set up an account of his own, with photos and must verify his identity with a working email address or a Facebook account and a mobile phone number. The site says it will not accept a profile unless the users is 13 or older and that users up to 17 can't chat or share photos with the users older than 17-but there's not age-verification process. Most concerning is the ability that girls (and boys) have to self-objectify themselves by posting their picture for boys and men to rate as "hot" or "not" (Conway, 2016).



After School: The description for this app in the app store says it is an anonymous and private message board for your school. This app originally launched in late 2014. But after reports of threats of school shootings on the app, it was taken down. (Burns, 2014). It was re-released last year with new safety features in place. (Burns, 2015). However, we are still concerned about this app since users can still post anonymously, although there is now an option to post under our real name.



YIK Yak: Allows people to create and view discussion threads within a 5-mile radius.



Wishbone: An app that allows the user to choose between two different options, particularly using pop culture. On a deeper level that user can send private messages to friends and create their own cards for comparison questions. This is perfect for online bullying or sexualized messaging.

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Vaulty: An app to hide photos and videos.



Blendr: “Combines GPS location sensing with a social networking framework, to provide users with the opportunity to meet people who are within a close physical proximity. The application can also be used to communicate with people in real time about a location, such as getting information about the current status of a local restaurant, or for determining whether a club currently holds people that the user might want to meet. Users must be over the age of 18”.



Musical.ly: A social media platform for creating, sharing and discovering short music videos, think Karaoke for the digital age. Potential risks can include that users may be exposed to bad language and content of a sexual nature.

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