

How many of the
images do you
recognise? Can you
name the consoles and
the apps?



The Free Encyclopedia



What does your child
love doing online?
What services and
devices do they use?



The online world can be exciting and inspiring. It has lots of opportunities to offer young people. It is important to manage and minimise the associated risks.



The Internet is one of the greatest creations and provides people with instant access to an endless supply of knowledge and entertainment.

- **Information, knowledge, and learning**
- **Connectivity, communication, and sharing**
- **Address, mapping, and contact information**
- **Banking, bills, and shopping**
- **Selling and making money**
- **Collaboration, work from home, and access to a global workforce**
- **Donations and funding**
- **Entertainment**
- **Internet of Things**
- **Cloud computing and cloud storage**

What are the Risks?

- Inappropriate content
- Ignoring Age Restrictions
- Friending or communicating with people they don't know
- Sharing personal information
- Gambling or running up debts
- Cyberbullying
- Grooming
- Radicalisation

YouTube:
The good,
the bad and
the ugly...



YouTube can be a positive place for learning new skills and getting ideas.
It can also be harmful if you use the suggested links on the right after
watching a chosen video.
By selecting suggested videos a few times, you can quickly find yourself
watching something much less appropriate.
Please be aware of this.

SnapChat

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What is it?	Potential risks in the app	Potential for misuse	How to block/report a user
Photo and video sharing platform with live chat rooms	<p>Snap Map allows any friend to see where the user is</p> <p>Spotlight encourages users to create exciting video content to share publicly to earn money</p>	<p>Sending unkind messages in chats.</p> <p>'Quick Add' being able to accept or add strangers, which can lead to grooming.</p> <p>Putting unkind messages over photos.</p> <p>User knows if you screenshot their story or the chat</p>	Select the three dots ... in the corner of the person's profile



TikTok

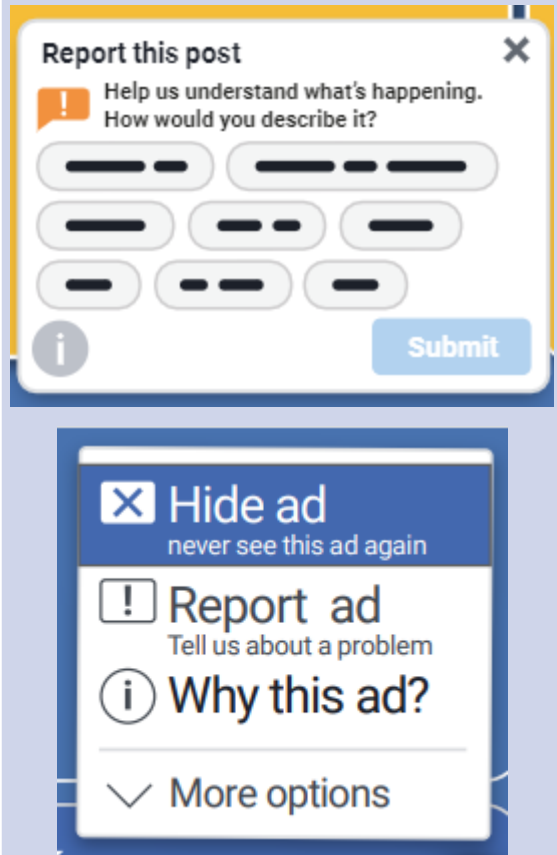
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What is it?	Potential risks in the app	Potential for misuse	How to block/report a user
<p>TikTok is a social video app that allows users to post and view short videos on a range of topics.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Children can be targeted by predators- The nature of the app may cause anxiety- Risk of cyberbullying- Self harm can be encouraged	<ul style="list-style-type: none">- Posting or viewing videos that are not age appropriate- Posting videos of others without their permission	<ol style="list-style-type: none">1.Go ahead and launch the TikTok App.2.Next either find the user you want to block or search for them on the search tab. Go to their profile page where you can see all their videos. Now click the three dots upper right and all the way at the bottom click Block.3.To see users you have block and review them go back and click on your profile (Me). Click the three dots upper right and go to Privacy and safety.4.Scroll all the way to the bottom of the screen and select Blocked Accounts. From here you can unblock any Blocked accounts and see who's blocked.



FaceBook

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What is it?	Potential risks in the app	Potential for misuse	How to block/report a post or ad
<p>An app that connects people with others and allows users to update their status, share thoughts, photos, videos, music and articles.</p>	<p>Can be addictive – communication is instant</p> <p>Risk of cyberbullying</p> <p>Children can be targeted by predators – fake profiles</p> <p>Inappropriate content through live streaming and adverts</p> <p>Revealing information about themselves online</p>	<p>Unkind/threatening messages</p> <p>Closely linked to Facebook Messenger – able to share private messages away from family and friends – potential risk of grooming</p> <p>Posting photos/videos of others without their permission</p>	 <p>The image shows two screenshots of Facebook's reporting interface. The top screenshot is titled 'Report this post' and includes a text input field for 'How would you describe it?' and a 'Submit' button. The bottom screenshot shows options to 'Hide ad' (with a subtext 'never see this ad again'), 'Report ad' (with a subtext 'Tell us about a problem'), 'Why this ad?' (with an information icon), and 'More options' (with a dropdown arrow).</p>



Yubo

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What is it?	Potential risks in the app	Potential for misuse	Staying safe
Social networking platform where users can chat and livestream with up to 10 friends at once. People connect with others based on location, with a swiping mechanism to accept or reject somebody based on their profile picture.	<p>Inappropriate content and exposure to sexual harassment, racism, bullying, self harm and drug use.</p> <p>Risk of bullying</p> <p>Children can be targeted by predators – fake profiles</p> <p>Need to grant access to device's microphone and GPS – potentially revealing highly sensitive information, including location</p>	Bullying – decisions to accept or decline are based entirely on a profile picture – raising the potential for children to be left with low self esteem/mental health concerns	<p>Users can block profiles, screen out nudity in live streams and keep their location private.</p> <p>Inappropriate content can be reported in the app's Safety Centre.</p>

Wink

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What is it?	Potential risks in the app	Potential for misuse	Staying safe
<p>Wink is a messaging app which allows children to connect and communicate with other users. They can communicate and play games online together. Wink allows users to share photos, personal information and their location.</p>	<p>Grooming: accounts cannot be made private. Children prioritise having an abundance of friends – likely to accept somebody to build up their friend count.</p> <p>Inappropriate content</p> <p>Oversharing personal information</p> <p>Excessive screen time</p>	<p>Cyberbullying</p> <p>Low self esteem/mental health issues</p>	<p>Talk about the dangers of sharing personal information and images online.</p> <p>Talk about the loss of ownership of an image.</p>

Instagram

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What is it?	Potential risks in the app	Potential for misuse	How to block/report a user
Social networking app which allows users to upload images and videos to their feed, create interactive 'stories', exchange private messages and search, explore and follow other accounts.	Can be addictive 'Influencer culture' Personal information can easily shared including location.	Cyberbullying Hashtags – could be used innocently the same hashtag could be being used for something inappropriate or dangerous Direct messages	



WhatsApp 16+

What is it?	Potential risks in the app	Potential for misuse	Safe Profiles
Internet based messaging service where people can share photos and vidoes as well as making voice and video calls	Live location sharing Contact from strangers Disappearing messages	Cyberbullying Spreading fake news Scams	In order to send a message to you the sender will need to have your phone number. This can easily happen if you are added into a group by a friend. Keep profiles more safe by making photo and status visible only to contacts or to nobody.

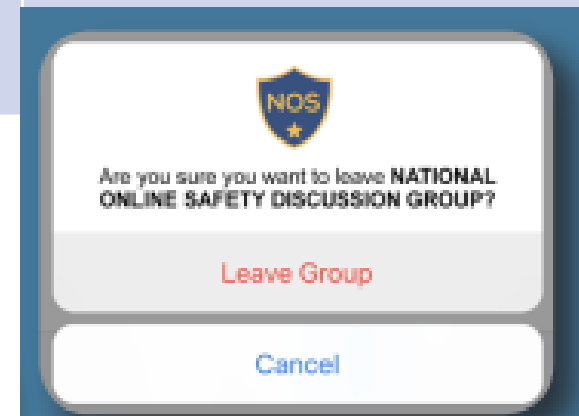


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What is it?	Potential risks in the app	Potential for misuse	How to block/report a user
A free video creation and editing app like TikTok. Largely used to create music videos to share in the app and also to Instagram and Facebook	<p>Suggestive Content – no way to restrict searching so any content can be accessed by all users</p> <p>No verification of age – app is easy for anyone to setup</p> <p>Using the app gains 'Exp'. This encourages users to stay on the app longer, increasing the chance of them seeing something inappropriate</p>	<p>Private messaging allows anyone to send messages to any user.</p> <p>There have been reported cases of sexual grooming and children being asked to send inappropriate images.</p>	<p>Go to the profile of the user you need to block. This prevents that user sending messages, but they can still see any videos posted.</p> <p>Other advice: In profile: privacy settings: turn off 'Enable others to save my videos'.</p>

Telegram 16+

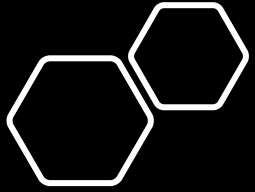
What is it?	Potential risks in the app	Potential for misuse	Staying safe
<p>Free messaging service similar to Whatsapp. Users can create groups or broadcast messages to a worldwide audience.</p> <p>Telegram is cloud based so you can access your account from any device – not just your phone.</p>	<p>Secret chat: allows two users to message confidentially. Messages can "self-destruct" like in Snapchat. If the other user is a stranger there will be no evidence of the conversation.</p>	<p>Users can create their own content for public use: such as stickers. These stickers could not be appropriate for children.</p> <p>All messages can be forwarded to any other group. The forwarded message contains a link to the original user's profile, allowing strangers access to new users.</p>	<p>Use the privacy controls to restrict who sees mobile numbers, profile pictures and last online.</p> <p>Report anything which does not look appropriate.</p> <p>Leave any group which does not seem nice and friendly.</p>



Replika

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What is it?	Potential risks in the app	Potential for misuse	Advice
<p>An artificial intelligence chatbot which forms emotional connections with users.</p> <p>The conversations with the AI can be as a friend, mentor or romantic partner.</p> <p>Aimed to support emotional wellbeing.</p>	<p>The chatbot may start sexual role-play conversations with users.</p> <p>The chatbot is not human so does not filter inappropriate content.</p> <p>In-app purchases allow users to 'buy' extra conversation topics.</p>	<p>There are no risks from other users, but the technology behind the app is not medically certified so the emotional wellbeing support is not validated</p>	<p>Ensure devices are set up with parental controls to stop the app being downloaded.</p> <p>Talk about the potential dangers of sharing personal information in any app.</p>



Top Tips for talking about the internet

- Which apps/games are you using at the moment?
- Which websites do you enjoy using and why?
- How does this game/app work? Can I play?
- Do you have any online friends?
- Do you know where to go for help?
- Do you know what your personal information is?
- Do you know your limits?



How we can help

Teaching children about the internet in school

Support for children who have experienced bullying online

Regular online safety updates in the parent letter

Please collect a booklet on the way out

National Online Safety Website

<https://nationalonlinesafety.com/>



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