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APPS EVERY PARENT SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

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Zoosk - A location-based dating app and website similar to many others. The app is available in 80 countries and utilized a 'carousel' feature which matches users with random strangers.



MeetMe: A dating social media app that connects people based on location. Users are encouraged to meet in person.



Live.Me: A live-streaming app that uses geolocation to share videos. The sheriff's office said users can earn "coins" to "pay" minors for photos.



Whisper: An anonymous social network that lets users share secrets with strangers. Police say it also shows users' location so people can meet up.



WhatsApp: A messaging app that allows texts, video calls, photo sharing and voicemails with users worldwide.



Hot or Not: The app lets users rate profiles, check out people in their area and chat with strangers. Police say the goal of the app is to hook up.



Snapchat: One of the most popular social media apps in the world, Snapchat lets users take and share photos and videos. The app also lets people see your location.



Holla: This self-proclaimed "addicting" video chat app lets users meet people in seconds. Law enforcement said users have seen racial slurs and explicit content.



Kik: Police say kids can bypass traditional text messaging features using this app. Kik "gives users unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime," the sheriff's office said.



TikTok: A new app popular with kids lets users create and share short videos. Law enforcement said the app has "very limited privacy controls" and users can be exposed to cyberbullying and explicit content.



Skout: A location-based dating app that is supposed to prohibit people under 17 from sharing private photos. However, police say kids can easily create an account with a different age



Hily dating app where users can browse photos, engage in chats, send private videos and more. Based on the GPS location of a mobile device, strangers can arrange to meet up locally.



Plenty of Fish A popular free dating app and website that encourages chatting with strangers. It allows users to browse profiles based on location.



Calculator+: Police say this is one of several apps that are used to hide photos, videos, files and browser history.



Best Secret Folder: Specifically meant to hide photos and videos. According to app store descriptions, it features password protection, decoy videos and alarm settings.



Mocospace: A free social networking and dating app. Users can connect with strangers worldwide via text messages or voice calls.



Ask.FM: The sheriff's office said this app lets users ask anonymous questions and is known for cyberbullying.



Badoo: A dating and social media app where users can chat and share photos and videos based on location. Police say the app is supposed to be for adults only, but they've seen teens create accounts.

Tips to keeping up with the latest apps and sites.

- Do a little research
 - <https://www.missingkids.org/netsmartz/resources>
 - <https://www.common sense media.org/>
- Talk with other parents
- Talk and listen to your kids
 - Keep lines of communication open so your child(ren) will come to you with a problem.
 - Ask what apps their friends or kids their age are currently using.
- Share the apps or sites you use and why you use them
- Have the app store or account linked to your email in order to be notified of app download or activity. *Age appropriate*



Bumble: Similar to Tinder, but requires women to make the first contact. Law enforcement says kids and teens can create fake accounts and falsify their age.



Monkey: A live video chat app that connects users to random strangers worldwide, offering group chat and private message options. It claims to be rated for ages 12 and up but has "mild sexual content and nudity."



Grindr: A dating app geared toward the LGBTQ community based on user location.