


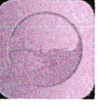


Dangers Of Smart Phone Apps

7 Dangerous Apps for Kids that Parents Need to Know About!



<p>Yik Yak </p> <p>Users send text-only messages ("Yaks") that can be viewed by 500 other users ("Yakkers") who are near the person who wrote the message, as determined by GPS</p>	<p>SnapChat</p> <p>Users can send photos that will disappear after 10 seconds once opened</p> 	<p>Kik Messenger </p> <p>Allows kids (i.e. under 18) to send private messages that their parents can't see</p>	<p>Poof</p> <p>Allows users to make Apps disappear on their phone by selecting the ones they don't want you to see</p> 	<p>Omegle </p> <p>Users do not identify themselves and there's no registration for the App, includes video chat</p>	<p>Whisper</p> <p>Meeting App that encourages users to post secrets and you can search for others using their location</p> 	<p>Down </p> <p>Users can categorize their Facebook friends as either someone they'd like to hang out with or someone they are down to "hook up" with</p>
<p>Risks:</p> <p>1) Users are exposed to sexual content, abusive language, and personal attacks</p> <p>2) Children are starting to reveal personal information as they get more comfortable with other users</p>	<p>Risks:</p> <p>1) Recipient's can screen shot the photo and share it with others</p> <p>2) Kids are more comfortable "sexting" with peers</p>	<p>Risks:</p> <p>1) Very difficult to verify the identity of someone on Kik, which poses the risk of sexual predators chatting with your child</p> <p>2) Easy tool for sexting</p>	<p>Risks:</p> <p>1) No longer available, however, if it was downloaded before it was deleted, your child may still have it</p> <p>2) Similar Apps are being created constantly, some of which includes <i>Hidden Apps, App Lock, and Hide It Pro</i></p>	<p>Risks:</p> <p>1) Finds chat partners by matching your child's Facebook 'likes' to that of a strangers 'likes'</p> <p>2) Sexual predators, kids giving out their personal information</p>	<p>Risks:</p> <p>1) Online relationships are being formed, but you do not know the person behind the computer or phone</p> <p><i>Washington was convicted of raping a 12-year-old child he met on this App</i></p>	<p>Risks:</p> <p>1) The Apps slogan itself, which reads: "The anonymous, simple, fun way to find friends who are <i>down</i> for the night!"</p>

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