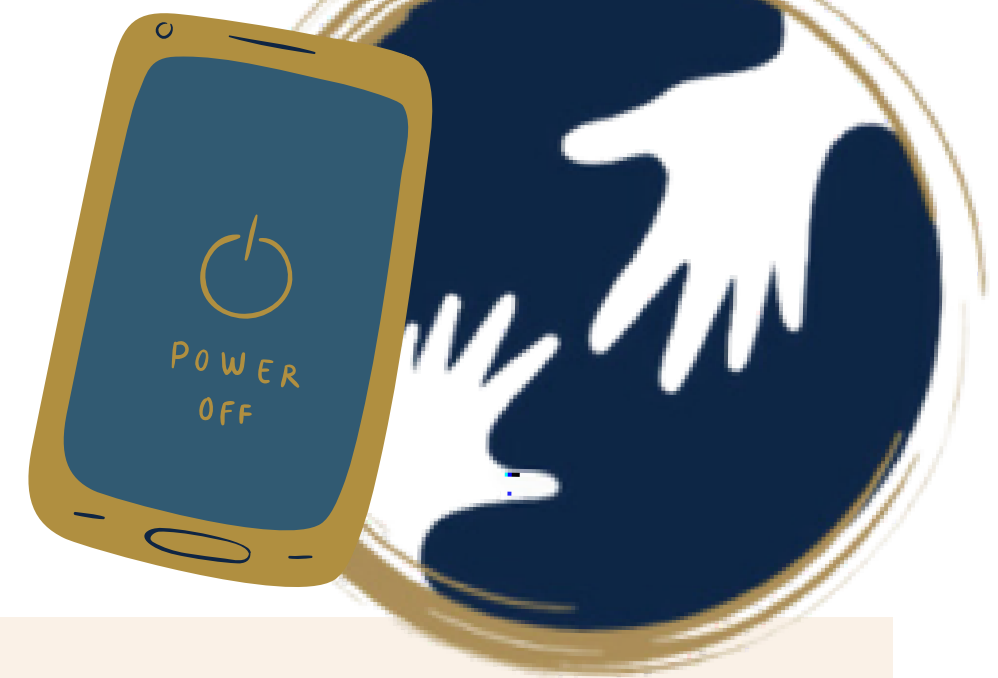# APPS PARENTS / TEACHERS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

These apps can easily be used as grooming tools by online predators.

Snapchat
App promises photo's, videos and stories disappear, but users can take screenshots of private photo's.

Tinder
Ease of fake profiles can lead to misleading interactions & unsafe meetings for unsuspecting kids. Content & dialogues far beyond their maturity level.

Zoomerang
Limited privacy controls. Risk of cyberbullying, online predators & unsuitable content. Format can lead to excessive use. Social pressure for followers & likes.

House Party
Open communication channels can be a conduit for inappropriate content or cyberbullying. User privacy & data hacking concerns.

TikTok
Limited privacy settings. Can be exposed to inappropriate content. Excessive screentime. Ease of connecting with unknowns and sharing personal info.

X
Unrestricted interaction. Anonymous premise can lead to cyberbullying, inappropriate exchanges, & risk of predators. Nature of interactions can negatively impact mental & emotional health.

Instagram
Comparing yourself to others. Focus on external validation through followers and likes. Nature of the app can negativity affect mental health.

Voxer
Ability to connect with unfamiliar users opens pathways to potential cyberbullying, unsuitable content, and unexpected contact from strangers.

Kik
Is a messaging app that allows inappropriate messages that are usually filtered through other apps.

Parlor
Anonymous group chats. Cyberbullying and content concerns. Potential for predators.

BIGO LIVE
Anonymous. Online predators can target & exploit younger users. Virtual gifting of money. Allure of live streaming & its attention can become addictive.

Holla
Anonymous use. Potential for cyberbullying. Exposure to explicit or disturbing material

Ask fm
Expose young minds to inappropriate content and discussions. Anonymity can embolden harmful comments, leading to online abuse and harassment.

Among Us
Playing multiplayer games with strangers users can be exposed to inappropriate chat throughout the game. Addictive playing of game.

Youtube
Exposed to inappropriate content, cyberbullying in comments sections. Potential privacy risks if they share personal information or interact with strangers.

Tellonym
Calls itself "the most honest place on the internet." Anonymous nature can lead to cyberbullying, unsuitable messaging, and other harmful online conduct.

Blendr
Local meet up premise may expose young users to interactions with individuals whose intentions are not aligned with their well-being.

Roblox
The platform structure has been leveraged by predators aiming to target and exploit unsuspecting users. Risk of cyberbullying & deceptive schemes.

Hoop
Exchanging 'snaps' can lead to interacting with strangers & unsuitable content. Concerns about safety & appropriate encounters. Encourages monetary transactions.

Chat Master
Online preditor exposure. Risk of manupulation under the guise of ingame interations.

Bumble
Not an app for teens. Users can hide their true identity and intentions. Risk of explicit content. Predators can target minors.

VSCO
Can be exposed to inappropriate content. Privacy concerns, not enough protection against unwanted interactions. Pressure to be perfect.

By staying informed, discussing these risks with teens and fostering open communication, together we can empower our teens to navigate the digital world safely and responsibly.

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