

5 Apps Parents need to be aware of

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Sing, lip-sync, and share videos



musical.ly

16+

Parents need to know that musical.ly - your video social network is a social network for sharing user-generated music videos that's similar to Dubsmash. You can upload your own videos, remix others' work, or browse content created by other users and by more famous recording artists.

It involves popular music, there's lots of swearing and sexual content in the songs,

Even though it's rated 16+ there are many younger children using it and some children dress in tight and revealing clothing while dancing provocatively.

Some families have encountered explicit sexual material despite the available settings and controls in the app.



Group Video Chat



Houseparty

13+

Parents need to know that Houseparty - Group Video Chat is a video-focused social media app. Friends (and friends of friends) can communicate with each other via live video and texts.

There's no screening and the video is live, there's always the possibility of inappropriate content for children, but that will largely depend on the friends who are communicating.

Parents should note that users can send links to their profiles on the app via a text message to whomever they want, and it's possible to take a screenshot even of private groups and share it.



Teen Dating app



MYLOL

18+

Parents need to know that this site isn't safe for teens. It claims to be a place for "teen dating" allowing teens as young as 13 to register but has thousands of adult users, many of whom are "friends" with young people.

Some people post their real names, IMs, email addresses, and phone numbers. Others, including young teens post sexually explicit comments and photographs that stop just short of nudity.



Facetime with Strangers



Monkey

12+

Monkey is like omegle except for making new friends on Snapchat.

Once you register for the Monkey App, you verify your phone number, age, Snapchat name and whether you are male or female – it then asks you to allow access to your contacts. Once this is done, 'Monkey' will try to connect you with people from across the world of a similar age.

Clicking on the icon will open a YouTube video about the app



Parental Control App



Screen Time

Screen Time is a parental control app that lets you manage the time your kids spend on their tablets and smart phones.

You can:

- Easily set time limits for your children's devices right from your phone or any browser
- Set bedtime and school time restrictions for specific apps
- Use your phone or tablet to pause your child's device or give Bonus time

Create fun check lists of things you would like children to do or learn and motivate them with rewards

