

Common Misused Apps... What Parents Need to Know

Snapchat	Snaphack	Backchat	Omegele
			
Intended Use: Allow People to capture an Image or video and make it available for a specific time, then it will disappear FOREVER.	Intended Use: Snaphack will allow the photo or video sent via snapchat to be saved on the recipient's camera roll.	Intended Use: Allows the recipient of an anonymous text to judge what is being said before they judge who said it.	Intended Use: A free app that randomly pairs users in one to one anonymous chat sessions without registering.
How Misused: Kids use this app often when "sexting" with others.	How Misused: Seemingly "private" photos and videos received through snapchat can be used to bully/ harass or humiliate the sender.	How Misused: You're unable to identify who is texting so messages sent can be inappropriate/ hurtful and be sent through WiFi.	How Misused: The app is filled with sexual predators. Some offer children links to porn websites/ illicit material.
KiK	Yik Yak	Instagram	lfunny
			
Intended Use: A free alternative texting service w/o using phone numbers just usernames & w/o generating a log.	Intended use: Allow users to post anonymous comments to the nearest 500 people via GPS tracking.	Intended Use: A photo and video sharing app. Shared with followers that can like the pic or vid.	Intended Use: Lets users create posts using cartoons or photos with funny captions to post or send to others called "memes".
How Misused: Often used for "sexting", allows private messages parents cannot see. Impossible to verify identity of someone on KiK.	How Misused: Can turn a school into a "virtual chat room" where kids can post comments anonymously i.e. cyberbullying. LHS have a geofence to prevent Yik Yak use.	How Misused: Can post embarrassing photos of others with a caption/ to make cruel humiliating comments about. Can private text through app.	How misused: Can expose younger children to humor they may not be ready for. Also mean/ hurtful captions can be used to bully students.
Whisper	Tinder	ask.fm	Private Calculator Photo
			
Intended Use: Allows users to set up anonymous accounts to overlap messages or emotions onto an image.	Intended Use: Connects adults. Pictures/ Profiles show up of users interested in meeting someone.	Intended Use: A social networking app that allows users to post Q's and A's from known or anonymous users.	Intended Use: A place to hide/ keep photos/ videos private.
How Misused: Used by sexual predators to seek out vulnerable youngsters for grooming purposes. App also shows users location.	How Misused: Commonly used by sexual predators to seek out a victim. Uses a map to pinpoint location of user.	How Misused: Known for severe cyberbullying. A parent free digital space.	How Misused: An avenue for kids to store/ hide inappropriate photos/ videos.