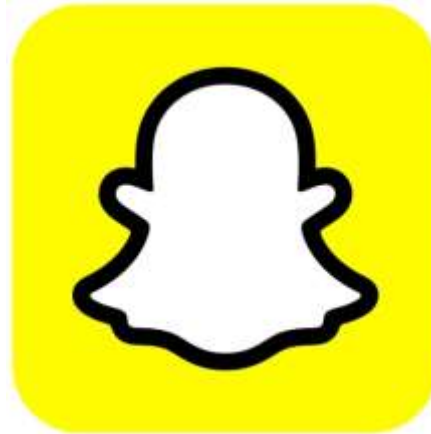


APPS AND GAMES

Do you know the legal usage age for these apps?



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Facebook:

LEGAL AGE: 13

- Your information is being shared with third parties
- Privacy settings revert to a less safe default mode after each redesign
- Facebook ads may contain computer viruses.
- Your real friends unknowingly make you vulnerable
- Scammers are creating fake profiles
- Exposure to adult content.
- Addiction.
- Cyber-bullying
- Parent/carers don't always know who you are interacting with.



Snapchat

LEGAL AGE: 13

- 'Snaps' can be captured via screenshots and shared with others
- Adult content.
- Danger From Unknown Users.
- It shares your location if you don't use 'ghost mode'
- People can screen shot images you share
- You can get messages or requests for sexual images from people you don't know
- It can be used for cyber-bullying
- Parent/carers don't always know who you are interacting with.



YouTube

LEGAL AGE: 13+

- Strangers messaging and asking for personal information
- Shares your location
- Adult content as it is unfiltered.
- Being insecure about yourself
- Random users sharing your posts/videos
- Cyberbullying through comments and posts.
- Parent/carers don't always know who you are interacting with.
- Suggested videos could expose young people to adult content.
- Misinformation – YouTube, as with many social media apps, can be home to a lot of fake news or misinformation.



Instagram

LEGAL AGE: 13

- Fake Accounts And Hacking.
- Adult Content.
- Bad Influences over children
- Danger From Unknown Users.
- Addiction.
- People you don't know can comment on your posts, message you or follow you
- Sometimes you can see upsetting or inappropriate posts
- People write mean or bullying comments on your posts
- Parent/carers don't always know who you are interacting with.



WattsApp

LEGAL AGE: 16+

- Shares your location
- Photos and videos sent are saved in other peoples galleries meaning they can be shared very quickly.
- WhatsApp also lets you forward messages from your conversation, which means something you send could get sent to other people.
- cyber-bullying through group chats.
- Group chats can show your phone number even if the other people don't have it - a stranger could contact you.
- Bad language, inappropriate pictures and videos.
- Parent/carers don't always know who you are interacting with.



Tik Tok

LEGAL AGE: 13+

- Strangers messaging and asking for personal information
- Shares your location
- Adult content as it is unfiltered.
- Being insecure about yourself
- Random users sharing your posts/videos
- Cyberbullying through comments and posts.
- Parent/carers don't always know who you are interacting with.

REMEMBER!

WHAT YOU POST ONLINE
IS PERMENANT!

IT DOESN'T GO AWAY!

Top tips!

So before you click that download button here's what to check:

- Make sure you check what the app really does, read the reviews and ratings.
- Check the age ratings and content descriptions on apps before you download them, to make sure the app is age appropriate.
- Make sure you are downloading an app from a reputable site such as Apple's App Store and Google Play
- Before you download always check the list of 'app permissions' and be sure to check the app settings to control what you share.
- Check in regularly with your child/ren and monitor their activity on these apps.
- Have open and honest conversations and set boundaries for acceptable and unacceptable behaviour online – especially in group chats and messaging.

Have a conversation

It is really important to chat with your children on an ongoing basis about staying safe online. Not sure where to begin? These conversation starter suggestions can help.

Ask your children to tell you about the sites they like to visit and what they enjoy doing online.

What games do you and your friends like to play online? Can you show me the websites you visit the most? Shall we play your favourite game online together?

Ask them about how they stay safe online.

What tips do they have for you, and where did they learn them? What is OK and not OK to share?

Ask them if they know where to go for help.

Where can they go to find the safety advice, privacy settings and how to report or block on the services they use?

Think about how you each use the internet.

What more could you do to use the internet together? Are there activities that you could enjoy as a family?