

Risky Emoji Meanings in Online Communication

This document provides a list of emojis commonly used by children and teenagers to indicate risky or inappropriate behavior online. It includes the meaning of each emoji, the context in which it is used, and the online platforms where these emojis are frequently seen, such as social media (Instagram, Snapchat, TikTok), gaming platforms (Discord, Roblox), or messaging apps.

Drug-Related Emojis

Teens use various emojis to refer to drugs, dealers, or getting high, as a form of covert slang. These often appear in Snapchat stories, Instagram DMs, TikTok captions (to evade content filters), or group chats on Discord.

- 🌿, 🍁, 🌲, 🍷, 🍀, 🍀, 🌴, 🌬️, 🔥 - Marijuana, weed, smoking, getting high.
- 🍷 - Drug dealer or supplier (plug).
- ❄️, 🧊, 🕸️, 🥥, 🤪, 🗝️ - Cocaine, sniffing, drug dealing.
- 🍷, 🍷, 🍷, 🍷 - Codeine (lean), prescription cough syrup abuse.
- 🍷, 🍷, 🍷, ⚡, 🤪, ❌ - MDMA (Molly, ecstasy), party drugs.
- 🍷, 🍷, 🚗, 🅑 - Prescription pills (Xanax, Percocet).
- 🐍, 🐎 - Heroin references.
- 💎, 🌌, 🌬️ - Crystal meth.

Sexual & Sexting Emojis

Emojis are frequently used by teens to flirt or talk about sex in coded ways. These appear in private chats (Snapchat messages, Instagram DMs, WhatsApp) and sometimes in comments or bios as innuendo.

- 🍆 - Male genitalia.
- 🍑 - Buttocks, sexual attraction.
- 💧 - Arousal, sexual fluids.
- 🍷 - Oral sex reference.
- 🐱, 😊, 😊 - Flirtation, sexual innuendo.
- 🍆 - Porn (used to bypass content filters).
- 🍒 - Virginity, breasts.
- 🌶️ - Sexual or 'spicy' content warning.
- 🐱 - Female genitalia reference.
- 🍆🍑 - Sexual intercourse symbol.

Alcohol & Party Emojis

Not all risky behavior codes are subtle – teens also use party emojis to signal underage drinking or wild parties. In group chats or social media posts (Instagram Stories, Snapchat), these can indicate plans for drinking.

- 🍷, 🍷 - Alcohol, drinking plans.

- 🍷, 🎉 - Party celebrations, possibly involving alcohol.
- 🍷 - Drunkenness, hangover.

Bullying & Insult Emojis

Emojis are also weaponized in cyberbullying or mean-spirited jokes among teens. Instead of using direct insults, they drop emojis to mock or ridicule others.

- 🤡 - Calling someone a 'clown' (foolish or fake).
- 🐍 - Accusing someone of being a backstabber or traitor.
- 🐸 - Calling someone ugly.
- 🍷 - Insulting someone as 'trash' or worthless.
- 🤐, 😬 - Telling someone to stay quiet, possibly in a bullying or threatening way.