



TikTok - Creating and sharing short videos. Special effects can be added

Concern: Thirteen is the minimum age, but there is not a real way to validate age so anyone can use it, plus all accounts are set to public so strangers can contact children. High use of inappropriate language.

IMVU - Instant Messaging Virtual Universe - Virtual world game (like SIMS) Users interact with each other as avatars

Concern: Semi nudity and sexual talk within the regular chat feature which randomly pairs users with other users and has led to inappropriate pairings and interactions. All profiles are public and several cases of bullying and predators trying to elicit information has been reported.

Houseparty - Open video chatting app

Concern: No screening and the video is live, so there is nothing to protect children from inappropriate content. Users can send links via chat and even take screenshots within the app. Nothing to stop friends of friends joining in.

Whisper - 17+ app's motto is "Share Secrets, Express Yourself, Meet New People"

Concern: Anonymous accounts to make their messages or confessions overlap an image or graphic, which others can then like, share or comment on – which takes overly personal content (potentially) viral. App also shows a user's location.

Likee - Similar to TikTok, used for creating short videos with in app purchases for special effects

Concern: Accounts cannot be made private and the in-app parental controls are not secure. Like other video sharing apps the content is not screened and there is no age verification process when signing up. Users can filter by gender, age and location.

If you have any concerns whatsoever concerning your child's online safety, please feel free to call school and speak to one of our Senior Family Support Officers

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