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# DANGEROUS APPS PART ONE

PURPOSE: Random video chat app that allows users to randomly chat with people.

WHY WORRY: Real time sexual content and unwanted sexual advances from adult predators.

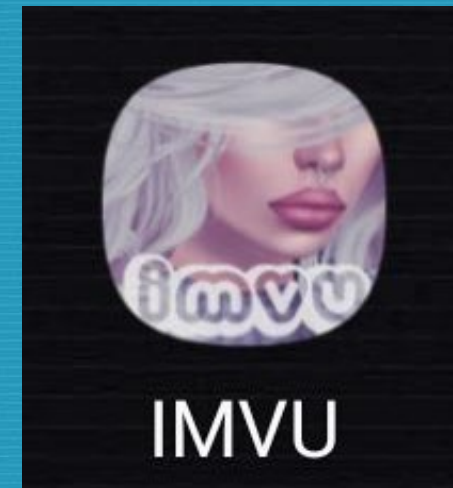


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# DANGEROUS APPS PART ONE

PURPOSE: Avatar based apps are focused upon role play. Users can chat with others across the world with their avatars. Chat rooms are unmoderated.

WHY WORRY: Sexual content and conversations rule these worlds. Female users get bombarded with questions like:  
How old are you?



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# DANGEROUS APPS PART TWO

PURPOSE: They say this app is the fun way to connect with new and interesting people around you.

WHY WORRY: Tinder finds others in their location and allows users to view each others' photos and start instant messaging.



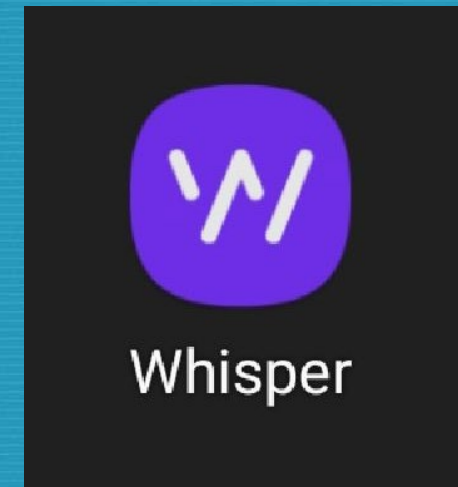
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# DANGEROUS APPS PART TWO

PURPOSE: The apps motto is Share Secrets, Express Yourself, Meet New People. Location Based.

WHY WORRY: These are anonymous accounts which make messages or confessions with an image or graphic content.



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When one app goes away, many more take its place. Hush was one of five apps that have taken the place of Whisper.



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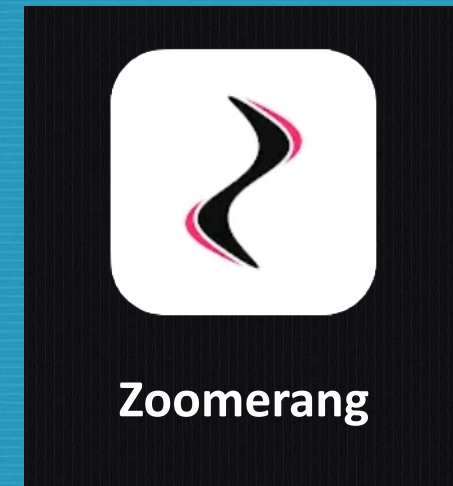




# DANGEROUS APPS PART THREE

**PURPOSE:** Popular among the younger crowd by offering short videos with catchy music, files, and effects.

**WHY WORRY:** Privacy controls expose younger users to comments and views from the unknown. Cyberbullying, predators, and unsuitable content are a pressing concern.



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# DANGEROUS APPS PART THREE

**PURPOSE:** Virtual characters are invited to step into the shoes of a young girl and navigate dialogues with strangers.

**WHY WORRY:** A gateway for real individuals with potentially harmful intentions to initiate contact with younger players. Information is open and no supervision brings potential threats.



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Risks: Exposure to inappropriate content, cyberbullying and unrealistic beauty standards.

Safety Tips: Set accounts to private so only approved followers can view posts. Use tools to filter out offensive comments and restrict users who may be harmful. Discuss with teens the curated nature of social media & encourage breaks to avoid overuse.

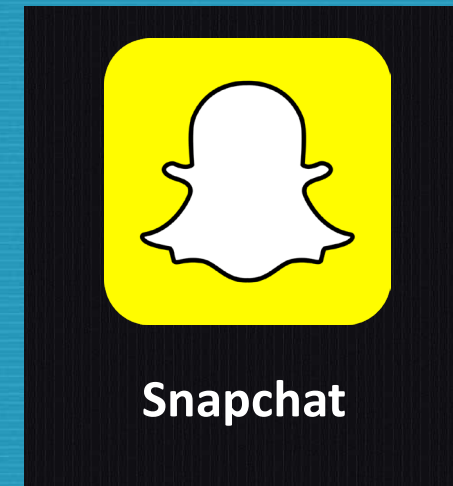


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Risks: Disappearing messages can encourage risky behavior and location sharing (Snap Map) can be dangerous.

Safety Tips: Turn off Snap Map or set it to "Ghost Mode." Remind teens that screenshots and third-party apps can save snaps, even if they appear temporarily. Regularly review who is on their friend list.

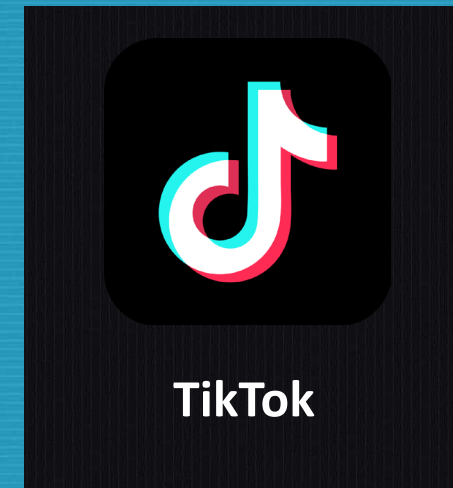


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Risks: Inappropriate content, harmful trends and predators.

Safety Tips: Use the “Family Pairing” feature to link a parent’s account to their teens for content filtering and screen time limits, encourage reporting inappropriate videos or comments and keep profiles private to control who interacts with posts.



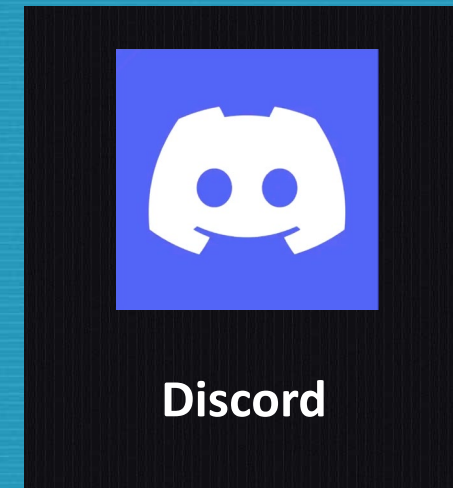
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Risks: Exposure to explicit content in unmoderated servers and cyberbullying.

Safety Tips: Join servers appropriate for the teen's age group, disable direct messaging from strangers in privacy settings, discuss proper online behavior and encourage reporting of harmful interactions.

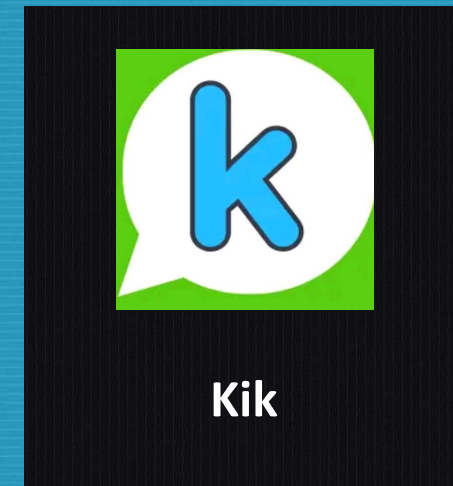


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Risks: Anonymity makes it easy for predators to contact teens.

Safety Tips: Monitor account creation and usage, encourage teens to communicate only with people they know in real life, and avoid apps with poor moderation, such as Kik, for younger users.



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