

You Can Be Too Social!

A study conducted by Pew Internet in 2013 found that 73 percent of the U.S. population uses at least one social site. Here is a short list of some of the most popular among kids and potential risk. **Unfortunately, it is impossible to list all the Social Media apps and websites in this handout, and new ones are constantly being created. The best tools for parents are knowledge and communication. Know which sites your child is using and talk to your children about the potential risk and your concerns.**



AfterSchool -Advertised as “Funny Anonymous School News for Confessions & Compliments”, this anonymous allows sexual and graphic images.



Blindr. Blindr’s users meet new people through GPS location services. You can message, exchange photos and videos, and rate the “hotness” of other users. There are no authentication requirements, sexual predators can contact minors and minors can hook up with adults.



ChatRoulette.com Allows people to anonymously video chat online with anyone and without any security blocks or filters. LOTS OF NUDDITY AND GRAPHIC IMAGES.



Chatstep. Allows the user to create or join a room to start chatting in seconds, no accounts required, with up to 50 people. You can even drag to share images and files instantly or paste links to experience music and videos together. Child predators use this site to trade images and to go into "teenage" chat rooms and pretend to be teens.



DOWN – Dating - Formerly named Bang with Friends. The premise of the website is to discretely set up sexual encounters with Facebook friends. Those friends only know about somebody’s interest when they reciprocate through the app.



Fling / Super Fling - An app that allows you to send a text, photo or video to 50 completely random users anywhere in the world. Lots of sexting.



Keek - Facebook, but with videos. Users post and share short videos. We’ve seen some inappropriate content via email notifications.



Kik - An instant message service that also allows photo sharing. It is loaded with sex and porn spammers.



MeerKat - and **Periscope** - live video streaming apps that allows users to share real time video. These apps have been used for cyberbullying, exposure to inappropriate content, and by sexual predators.



Meet Me -A social networking site that lets users tailor their searches for potential social contacts by age and geography. Used for Sextortion.



Omegle -An instant message service that promises chats with random strangers. Also has a website that can be used instead of downloading the app. The website allows people to anonymously video chat online with anyone and without any security blocks or filters. LOTS OF NUDDITY AND GRAPHIC IMAGES.



Oovoo - A popular video chat among teens that is similar to Skype. Users are able to have group chats. There have been incidents of users receiving inappropriate comments and request for pictures or videos of the children.



PhotoSwap -Anonymous photo exchanging with a large amount of sexual content.



Skout - An app made for meeting people to flirt with. The app is for 13+ but with no real age verification so anyone could sign up.



Snapchat -A picture-messaging app that claims the messages last only for a few seconds once they're opened. WRONG! It's easy to grab a screenshot of the image before it's deleted. LOTS OF SEXTING.



Tagged.com- A social network that teenagers use for meeting new people that allows members to browse the profiles of other members, play games, share tags and virtual gifts. Used for “sextortion.”



Tinder. A popular app used for hooking-up and dating that allows users to “rate” profiles and locate hookups via GPS tracking. It is easy for adults and minors to find one another. The rating system can be used for cyber-bullying.



Yik Yak. Allows users to post text-only “Yaks” that can be viewed by the 500 Yackers who are closest to the person who wrote the Yak, based on GPS tracking. Users are regularly exposed to sexually explicit content, profanity and even personal attack.