

15 Apps and Websites Kids Are Heading to After Facebook

You don't need to know the ins and outs of all the apps and sites that are "hot" right now (and frankly, if you did, they wouldn't be trendy anymore). But knowing the basics -- what they are, why they're popular, and what problems can crop up when they're not used responsibly -- can make the difference between a positive and a negative experience for your kid.

[Texting apps](#)

Kik Messenger, ooVoo, WhatsApp

[Micro-blogging apps and sites](#)

Instagram, Tumblr, Twitter, Vine

[Self-Destructing/Secret apps](#)

Burn Note, Snapchat, Whisper, Yik Yak

[Chatting, Meeting, Dating apps and sites](#)

MeetMe, Omegle, Skout, Tinder

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www.CommonSenseMedia.org/Social-Media

Snapchat and 7 More "Iffy" Messaging Apps Teens Love

Perhaps most importantly to teens, these apps can feel "consequence-free." But of course, they are not. **Data never really disappears**, and anonymity carries big risks.



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If you don't recognize the apps your kid is currently obsessing over, **Google them!**

Most Popular Apps



Facebook is still the most used site by the 13-17 age group at 41%. Parent's usage though is driving the kids to other social media sites.



Instagram comes in second at 20% although girls usage dominates this visual-oriented site at 61% versus boys at 44%.



Snapchat comes in third at 11% with girls again dominating at 51% versus boys at 31%.

How do I keep up with the latest social apps and sites teens are using?

Take a little time to do your research. Other parents also can be great resources. Ask around, and keep your ears open during parents' night at school for any cell phone or social media issues the school is dealing with.

Most importantly, talk—and listen—to your kids. They might tell you everything you want to know or at least drop the name of an app or a website you can check out on your own. Even if you can't stay on top of every new app, concentrate your efforts on keeping the lines of communication open so kids will come to you if a problem arises. **Make sure kids know it's OK to make mistakes** and that they don't need to hide these from you—that you can actually help them through tough spots. For more information, go to this link...

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SOCIAL MEDIA

*It isn't simply a way of life for kids
-- it's life itself.*



What's a parent to do?

A recent **Pew Research Center** study found that aided by the convenience and constant access provided by mobile devices—especially smartphones—**92%** of teens ages 13-17 report going online daily...including 24% who say they go online "almost constantly." Nearly **75%** of teens have access to a smartphone.

Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, Google+, YouTube, Snapchat, and other social networks have become an integral part of the online lives of most teens (and sadly even tweens) as well as parents. Social networks are a great way to stay connected with others, but they also open the user up to possible life-altering missteps. So what is a parent to do?

This brochure is designed to provide you with some needed resources to help you find answers and navigate the ever-changing and sometimes turbulent waters of social media.

Social Media Resource Guide for Parents

Kids and Socializing Online

Social networking sites, chat rooms, virtual worlds, and blogs are how teens and tweens socialize online; it's important to help your child learn how to navigate these spaces safely. Among the pitfalls that come with online socializing are sharing too much information or posting comments, photos, or videos that can damage a reputation or hurt someone's feelings. Applying real-world judgment can help minimize those risks.

»Remind Kids That Online Actions Have Consequences

»Tell Kids to Limit What They Share

»Encourage Online Manners

»Limit Access to Your Kids' Profiles

»Talk to Kids About What They're Doing Online

For more information, go to this link...

www.OnGuardOnline.gov

Raising Digital Citizens

The Internet is a wonderful place for learning and entertainment, but like the world around us, it can pose dangers if precautions are not taken. Allowing free access puts your child at risk.

- Remain positively engaged
- Support their good choices
- Keep a clean machine
- Know the protection features of the websites and software your children use
- Review privacy settings
- Teach critical thinking

- Help them be good digital citizens
- Just saying "no" rarely works
- Empower your children to handle issues
- Encourage your children to be "digital leaders"

For more information, go to this link...

www.StaySafeOnline.org

Appropriate Age?

58% of 12-year-olds have a cell phone. Does this mean that your child should have one? Instead of worrying about the "appropriate age," focus on the needs of your child and your family.

www.NetSmartz.org/CellPhones

More Ways to Keep Your Children Safer and More Secure Online

NetSmartz Workshop®

www.netsmartz.org/PARENTS

OnGuardOnline.gov

www.onguardonline.gov

Pew Research Center: Teens, Social Media & Technology Overview 2015

www.pewinternet.org/files/2015/PI_TeensandTech/Update/2015?0409151.pdf

Parenting? There's an app for that! It's a 'pledge' that takes about three minutes to complete and offers a lifetime's worth of wisdom about social media. "Don't Press Send Campaign Pledge."

www.dontpresssend.org

SmartTalk.org

TheSmartTalk.org

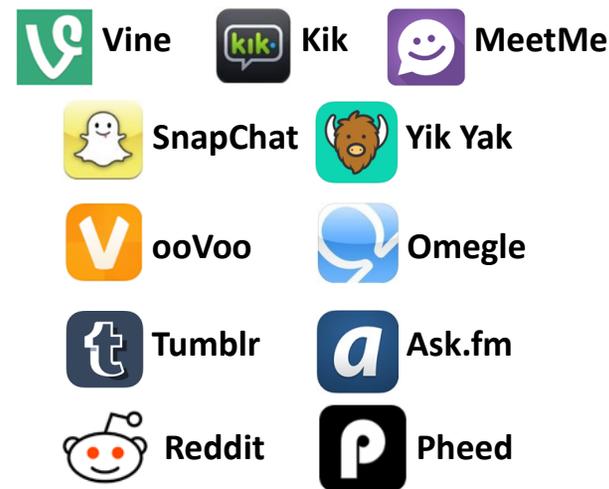
A Thin Line

www.AThinLine.org

Sites to Avoid

The following recommended list of sites and URL's for your children to avoid was compiled by **Detective Rory Forrestal, SCPD Cyber Crimes Unit** based on SCPD experiences.

Applications:



Other chat rooms & web cams to **avoid**:

~~www.younow.com
www.doulike.com
www.tinychat.com
www.tagged.com
www.sextinpics.com
www.chatroulette.com
www.bibcam.com
www.4chan.org~~