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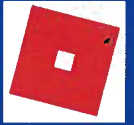
Popular apps that may warrant greater caution and monitoring

Ask.FM

The app allows users to ask any question they want either as an anonymous user or as themselves. However, some people tend to make inappropriate use of the app's anonymity feature by asking vulgar questions and even leave offensive comments. Some even start bullying other users by making derogatory remarks.

Roblox

This is an immensely popular open-world game built on user-generated content. A child can cross paths with inappropriate sexual content, profanity, alcohol, drugs, and more. Violence is also prevalent in Roblox, meaning users can kill and/or be killed. Using the chat feature, adult predators can also easily message children.

Hoop

Hoop has been described as "Tinder meets Snapchat". Users as young as 12 can swipe through age, gender, and photos, and can add "friends" and start a conversation. The integration with Snapchat increases vulnerability. The app claims that users 18 years and older won't be shown kids profiles, but there can easily be catfishes and lying about ages.

Whisper

Whisper is a confession app where anyone can make confessions while being anonymous. Users can communicate with any other Whisper user nearby. The app uses GPS location tracker to track nearby users. The app keeps the user's identity anonymous, but it does show the area from where the messages are being sent. As a result, an online predator can pinpoint the location of the victim.

Kik

Kik messenger users can send quick text messages, photos, and even sketches. However, the app lacks age verification can be dow, so it can be downloaded by kids who are younger than 13. Since users of any age can access the app, cyber stalkers, and even pedophiles can get the opportunity to find young kids and compel them into sending risqué photos or their personal information.

Yubo

Yubo is a social network app for "friendships", and allows for streaming and playing games with others. Users must use photo of themselves and identify their age, but age verification is done through an estimation of the age of the photo that is used, which can be misleading or faked. Location sharing is "an integral part of the app". Children using Yubo may be vulnerable to grooming, exploitation, bullying, and harassment.

IMVU

This is a virtual world game where users interact with each other as avatars. There is nudity and sexual encounters in areas that are for 18+, but there is sexual talk and behaviors in the regular area of IMVU as well. There is a Chat Now feature that randomly pairs users and can lead to inappropriate pairings and interactions. All profiles are public, and there can be bullying and predators trying to get other users to share their phone numbers and to send pictures.

Zoomerang

Zoomerang allows users to create fun videos, which they can upload to other apps like TikTok or Instagram. This app is dangerous for kids because it uses location tracking. Location tracking allows strangers and predators to find a child when the app is in use. It's also really easy to take screenshots of videos. Unfortunately, this enables strangers or bullies to manipulate the content and reshare it with anyone.

LiveMe

LiveMe app is a live streaming or broadcasting app that allows users to send virtual gifts, play games, meet stars, date, meet friends, grow a fan base, and generally get noticed. Users are often asked to provide profile picture, username, gender and birthday. They may even ask you to give the app access to your contacts, locations and phone settings to make calls. Predators offer to "pay" children for photos.

Chatspin

This app matches users with random live video feeds from other people. Children can easily be exposed to real-time sexual content in a matter of seconds, including unwanted sexual advances by adult predators. These random webcam apps and websites like Chat Roulette are extremely dangerous and inappropriate for anyone under the age of 18.

Additional Resources

New Jersey
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