

KNOW WHAT'S APPENING

SOCIAL MEDIA APPS PARENTS SHOULD KNOW ABOUT



The **Bad** Websites, Apps, and Devices:

Ask.fm



This popular cyberbullying app is used to ask embarrassing and hurtful questions of kids, often urging them to do harmful pranks or crimes.

After School



This app creates a chat room for every school, where students can anonymously engage in every conceivable form of cyberbullying; messages often include references to pornography, alcohol, and drug use.

Houseparty



This app allows for unmonitored group video chats where up to 8 people can participate at once; extremely popular with predators, who are constantly lurking where young people gather.

Tik Tok (formerly Musical.ly)



This app was originally designed to allow kids to make their own music videos (popular with elementary school students). It is used to post videotaped derogatory comments to other students.

The Calculator %



There are dozens of these very popular apps designed to hide the photos and videos in a teenager's phone, or the icons on their home screen; it also hides your internet search history.

Wishbone



This app allows users to compare kids against each other and rate them on a scale.

TBH



"To Be Honest" app encourages kids to post and answer polls designed to be hurtful to other students; these so-called "rate & berate" polls are a frequent feature of cyberbullying apps.

Hot or Not



A "rate & berate" app based on student-generated polls that often target specific teens with insulting language; questions such as "Who's the ugliest kid in your school?" are common.

KIK Messenger



Anyone on this photo-sharing app can chat with other users, send pictures and privately message without parents seeing; very popular for sexting purposes (sending naked or semi-nude photos electronically).