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MEETME is a social media dating app that allows users to connect with people based on geographic proximity. As the app suggests, users are encouraged to meet in person.



WHATSAPP is a messaging app that allows users to send texts, photos, voicemails, make calls, and video chats worldwide. Commonly known for foreign communications.



BUMBLE, like **TINDER**, requires the woman to make first contact. Kids commonly create accounts and falsify their age.



LIVE ME is a live streaming app that uses geolocation to share videos so users can find out a broadcaster's location. Users can earn "coins" as a way to "pay" minors for photos.



ASK ME is known for cyber bullying. The app encourages users to allow anonymous people to ask them questions.



GRINDR is a dating app geared to LGBTQ+ people. Users can chat, share photos, and meet up based off GPS location.



TIKTOK is popular with kids for creating and sharing short videos. With very limited privacy controls users are vulnerable to cyber bullying and exposure to explicit content.



SNAPCHAT is an app that allows users to take photos/videos that "will disappear". New features called "stories" allow users to view content for up to 24 hours. Users location is also visible on a "snap map".

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HOLLA is an “addicting” video chat app that allows users to connect all over the world in seconds. Reviewers have been confronted with racial slurs, explicit content, and more.



CALCULATOR% is one of SEVERAL secret apps used to hide photos, videos, files, and browser history.



SKOUT is a location-based dating app and website. While users under 17 years old are unable to share private photos, kids can easily create an account with an older age.



BADOO is a dating and social networking app where users chat. Users can share photos, videos, and connect based on location. This is created for adults, but minors have participated.



KIK allows anyone to connect and direct message your child. Kids use this to bypass traditional texting. Users have unlimited access to anyone, anywhere, anytime.



WHISPER is an anonymous social network that promotes sharing secrets with strangers. It also uses location so users can meet up.



HOT OR NOT encourages users to rate your profile, check out people in their area, and chat with strangers. The goal of this app is to hookup.