

Parent App “Glossary”

Here are a number of the apps, programs, websites that parents should be aware of and watch out for on their children’s phones:

- **Twitter** – microblogging, 140 characters
- **Instagram**
- **Snapchat**
- **Tumblr** – streaming scrapbook of pictures, text, video, create “tumblelogs” that can be seen by anyone if made public. Porn is easy to find, privacy is difficult, posts are often copied/shared.
- **Google +**
- **Vine** – post & watch 6 sec video clips, owned by twitter
- **Wanelo** – (want, need, love) – combines shopping, fashion and social networking
- **Whisper**- social “confessional” app, lets users post whatever is on their minds, often sexual, anonymous
- **Kik messenger** – app based alternative to texting, easy to copy all, allows communication w/strangers, community blog, teens use real names
- **Oovoo** – free video, voice, messaging app. Group chats
- **Yik Yak** –free location based, post anything you want anonymously, distributed to nearest 500 people
- **Ask.fm**
- **Whats App** – send texts, audio/video, photos, must be 16+, encourages to add strangers
- **Omegle**
- **Yo-** send “yo” to family/friends, target for hackers

Ghost Apps/Vault Apps – these are apps that can be put on to a phone to conceal content from other users.

- Secure Vault for Apple – use encryption and passcodes to lock away files. Without the secret code folders can be locked away from parental view.
- KeepSafe – another app to lock away photos. If someone tries to break in without the proper security code the app captures photo from the front facing camera
- Calculator% - File vault. App works like a normal calculator but when the user enters “period period” a hidden menu appears. Users can store files, documents, photos. It also has an “emergency” button that loads the adding machine back onto the screen.
- LINE – messaging app capable of sharing videos and photos as well as free texting & video chat. App includes purchases that can surprise parents on their credit card. App claims parental permission but no way to verify.
- BurnNote – Messaging app where users exchange secret messages. Sends links to any user even if not using the app