Social Media Apps Info Sheet

Apps	Description	Risks
Omegle	Omegle allows users to chat with strangers. The website is free and will automatically pair you with a stranger to talk to. The only source of protection the user has to allow or deny access to the webcam. No sign-up is required. **Resource:** http://www.bewebsmart.com/internet-safety/what-is-omegle-is-it-okay-for-kids/	- Some people may give out personal information to strangers - Website finds partners to chat with based on mutual likes - Higher potential for someone to pose as someone else
Snapchat	Snapchat lets users send pictures/videos to one another, but displays it for a limited time before it is deleted forever. Users can draw and type on pictures/videos and apply animated filters. It is typically used as an instant messaging platform. Users are allowed one replay to a picture, and can take a screenshot of picture to keep. **Resource:** https://www.snapchat.com/safety	- Inappropriate pictures can be screenshot through Snapchat and other 3rd party apps - Place for people to sext
Kik Messenger	Kik Messenger allows users to instant message with others widely across different phone platforms (iOS, Android, Windows). Usernames are used on Kik and are used as your identity. **Resource:** https://www.kik.com/safetycenter/	- Chatting secretly with a stranger - Posting username on another social media makes it publicly available; therefore people can add and message you even though you don't know them
Tinder	Tinder is location-based app, commonly used for dating purposes. Users look at profiles of other users, decide to reject the user, or to accept them and begin communicating with them. **Resource:** https://www.gotinder.com/safety	- Users can easily set up meetings with strangers - Platform for catfishing, sexual harassment, and stalking
WhatsApp	WhatsApp lets users' instant message and call others around the world and across different phone platforms (iOS, Android, Windows). The app can be used by people who may not have a service plan but have access to the internet. Phone numbers of contacts are required. **Resource:** https://www.whatsapp.com/security/	- Chatting secretly with a stranger
Ask.fm	Ask.fm allows users to ask questions and receive answers anonymously on other user's profiles from around the world. **Resource:** https://safety.ask.fm/	- Platform for communicating abusive, sexual content - Place for cyberbullying - Users asking inappropriate questions

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Houseparty	Houseparty is a mobile app that allows users to instantly video chat with other users that they have added. Users can have up to 8 people in a video chat (aka a "house party"). **Resource:** https://houseparty.com/guidelines.html	- Access to inappropriate content depending on who you're chatting with - Users can screenshot video chats - Can have conversations with strangers
Hot or Not	Hot or Not is a mobile app that allows a user to look at pictures of other users in their physical vicinity. They either accept or reject them based on their attractiveness. If two users match (ie. they both find each other attractive), the app allows the users to begin communicating. **Resource:** https://hotornot.com/	- Can be damaging for self-esteem - Can lead to users meeting up with strangers
Google Hangouts	Google Hangouts allows users to text, voice, or video chat with other users that they have added from their phone contacts. Chats can happen either one-on-one or in a group. **Resource:** https://www.net-aware.org.uk/networks/google-hangouts/	- Users can secretly chat with strangers
Instagram	Instagram lets people edit and add filters to add unique looks to pictures/videos for their followers. The app also allows users to post pictures/videos for a 24-hour period only. Users can choose to make their profile public or private, and photos can be shared through other social media platforms like Facebook and Twitter. **Resource:** https://help.instagram.com/477434105621119/?helpref=hc_fnav	- Inappropriate content can be easily found - Platform for cyberbullying and "trolls" - Default setting is public - Posts can't be set to private from a desktop computer
Grindr	Grindr is a gay and bisexual dating app for males based on location. Users look at the profiles of other users, and will either accept or reject them based on their images. Once accepted and matched together, communication can begin. **Resource:** https://www.grindr.com/privacy-policy/	- Platform makes profile information, distance information and other personal data public - Users can set up meetings with strangers - Platform for catfishing, sexual harassment, stalking, extortion
Chatroulette	Charoulette is a webcam-based video chat website, where users are randomly **paired in** video chatrooms with other users all around the world. The only source of protection you can get on the website is by allowing or denying access to the webcam. **Resource:** https://hubpages.com/technology/what-is-chatroulette	- Access to inappropriate content - Location can be tracked - People pose as someone they are not - Website is known to have users displaying sexual content or revealing themselves

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Sarahah	Sarahah is a service that allows users to publicly share a link to their profile. Anyone who has access to the link can anonymously send messages to them. Users have no way of knowing who posted the message, and are unable to send a response message. **Resource:** https://www.androidauthority.com/what-is-sarahah-790691/	• Anonymity without repercussions can result in harassing messages, death threats and cyberbullying
Reddit	Reddit is a sharing forum website and app that hosts a number of subjects for users to discuss. Members, known as "Redditors," can submit content. Content is voted up or down by other users, the ones with the most up-votes are showcased on the top of the community forum. **Resource:** https://www.reddit.com/help/contentpolicy/	• Content may contain nudity, pornography, profanity, radicalization and controversial communities • Individual Reddit communities have different rules and leniency of enforcement
Swarm	Swarm allows users to "check-in" to track and log all the places they go to. Photos can be added and reviews can be written about the places visited. Users can share their location and check-ins to followers, and users can also find out where people they follow have been. **Resource**: https://www.pandasecurity.com/mediacenter/social-media/dangerous-share-location-internet/	• "Check-ins," which can be shared to your Facebook and Twitter followers, allows people to monitor your location, including strangers who may follow you • Sharing personal information can give opportunities to burglars who can track if the user is out of their home