Social Media: From Trends to Red Flags

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Most Popular Apps

<u>Tik Tok</u> Videobased app that allows one minute videos regarding any content.

Age is NOT a factor of what is on the FYP (For You Page). Only user interactions, video information, and account settings impact this.

Current trends are usually on Tik Tok (i.e., Tik Tok Dances, Charli D'Amelio, Addyson Ray, etc.).

Inappropriate trends that are not taken down (i.e., Don't Go Chasing, Bugs Bunny, Stepsis, the Hub, etc.).

Most Popular Apps

Instagram - Photo-based app which is driven by "likes" and now includes stories that disappear in 24 hours, IGTV (Instagram TV), and private messaging.

Snapchat- Photo and video based app which includes immediate disappearing chats and "snaps." Screenshotting, saving, and sharing are also possible.

Twitter - Users can like and retweet posts and interact with each other.

KIK- Instant Messaging app that is free. Very well -known amongst kids to be a sexting platform.

Most Popular Video Games

Roblox- Online game platform that allows people to interact with each other. Kids want Robux to buy things in the game.

Call of Duty - First -person shooting video game that is set within a specific time period.

Fortnite - Online game that can be played on gaming systems that involves shooting, zombies, and general play.

GTA Allows players to murder, steal cars, go to strip clubs, and the purpose is to become a high -powered gang member.

Minecraft - Has a multiplayer setting that allows kids to interact with other people.

Red Flag Phrases

Netflix and Chill - You are going to someone's house to do things of a sexual nature.

Smash Having sex

Thirsty/Thirst Trap - You want sex or someone wants to have sex with you

Slide into Your DM's Private message on a social media app to let them know you're interested in them.

GNOC/NIFOGet Naked On Camera/Naked In Front of Camera

9 Grown up is watching

Red Flag Phrases'

LMIRL Let's Meet In Real Life

Thicc- You look good.

Simp You would do anything to have sex with a person

Sust You're being suspicious

OG Open crib, parents aren't home.

CD9 I can't talk -my parents are here

Strategies to Keep Kids Safe

Talk openly with them about their online activity

Always keep their screens and devices where you can see them. Keep the computer in a common room of your home.

Know the children that they're talking to online.

Know the parental controls that you have.

Remind kids that not only do you not talk to strangers, but you don't meet them either. AND NO PERSONAL INFORMATION

Know all of your kids' passwords.

Resources

Consumer Notice

Cybersecurity and Infastructure Security Agency

Kid's Health

Scholastic: Ages 8-10

The Department of Justice

UNICEF

U.S. Department of Education

