

DID YOU KNOW...

there are 7 dangerous apps your children should not have on their phones?

Technology, especially if you're a little behind the times, can be very deceptive. Your kids may be downloading Apps that you think are innocent and just a simple way for them to keep in contact with their buddies, but unfortunately, this isn't always the case.

To keep your children safe, it's best that you monitor their phone. Look through their apps, texts and pictures. They may feel that you're invading their privacy, but let's be honest... You're paying the phone bill, so you can do whatever you want! So, as you monitor your kid's phone, keep an eye out for these 7 apps you may not be aware of:

- Yik Yak – may expose children to sexually explicit content, abusive language and personal attacks
- SnapChat – enables kids to feel more comfortable “sexting” with peers
- KiK Messenger – poses the risk of sexual predators chatting with children
- Poof – allows children to hide apps that they don't want their parents to see on their phone
- Omegle – this will match children, via Facebook, to strangers that share their same interests, potentially exposing them to sexual predators
- Whisper – potentially exposes children to sexual predators
- Down – used to be called “Bang with Friends” is connected to Facebook and allows users to categorize their friends in two categories: ones they would like to hang with or ones that they are “down” to hook up

Remember to check your children's phones often, and even more importantly have real life conversations with them. Discuss the dangers of the Apps and make sure they understand the need to keep personal information private.