

## YOUR SUMMER GUIDE TO **POPULAR PLATFORMS**

## **AN ONLINE SAFETY SHAREABLE**



Can allow young people to connect with strangers, receive |message requests from strangers and video call.



Yubo

meet new people be world. There have been



WhatsApp

WhatsApp users have been subject to scams and malware spreading through the platform.







## Reddit



Kik

multiple reports of young people being

harassed into sending sexualised or

nude images and videos.



**Telegram** 



There are no age verification systems for NSFW channels and can be easily bypassed to view inappropriate content. (NSFW forums are 18+)



mobile messaging app which allows me-to-one chatting, group chats and monymous chats. Since Kik allows chatting with random strangers, it leaves children open to exploitation and grooming. Once messages are deleted, they cannot be retrieved.



The ability to connect with others in the area may lead to young people to disclose locations and personal details that could lead to grooming or harassment in-person.

An image and video sharing app. Users can share content that followers can interact with by viewing, liking and

commenting. Instagram may push a

narrative of a 'perfect world' to young

people, and they may feel pressured to











Instagram



**Discord** 

Some servers are NSFW (Not safe for work - often meaning inappropriate/ adult content) and may have content age-inappropriate for younger users.



commented on, liked and shared.

slip through moderation strategies

Cyberbullying can occur through

age-inappropriate content may

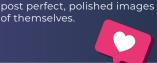
YouTube comments and

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A popular image sharing and messaging app that lets users exchange pictures and videos (snaps),

The 'disappearing snap' feature of Snapchat can lure young people into a false sense of security, and they may send images they would not normally send.

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deployed.

YouTube



18+

**TikTok** 



A free video sharing app which allows share them and watch other user's videos or live streams.

Age-inappropriate content which can be accessed through public feeds, especially any live streams. This may be unsuitable for young people and can be the origin of bullying trends.

Netflix shows such as 'Squid Game'

and '13 Reasons Why' went viral and

people, despite not being appropriate for under 18s. Parental controls which restrict access to age-inappropriate content e.g. profile PIN codes.

attracted the attention of young



BeReal.

of themselves.

**BeReal** 



Users are given a 2-minute window to share a photo of themselves and their surroundings to their friends. If young people accept contacts they don't know, it is easy to build up a picture of routines in daily life, for example, school uniforms, bus stops and regular locations.









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Vault Apps (Decoys)



Apps which allow users to secretly hide photos, videos and files behind the premise of another app, for example a calculator which can only be accessed through a numeric pin code. Can become dangerous 'stashes' of youth produced sexual imagery.







Twitch streams are often live and are therefore difficult to moderate.

**Twitch** 



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Messaging and Community Platforms



