

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. 13+



Yubo

multiple reports of young people being

harassed into sending sexualised or

nude images and videos.

meet new people be world. There have been



WhatsApp

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







Reddit



Kik

A mobile messaging app which allows one-to-one chatting, group chats and monymous chats. Since Kik allows

leaves children open to exploitation and grooming. Once messages are deleted,

chatting with random strangers, it

they cannot be retrieved.



Telegram

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.

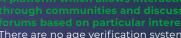
An image and video sharing app. Users can share content that followers can interact with by viewing, liking and

commenting. Instagram may push a

narrative of a 'perfect world' to young

post perfect, polished images

people, and they may feel pressured to



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









Snapchat



Instagram



Discord

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



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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

commented on, liked and shared.

slip through moderation strategies

Cyberbullying can occur through

age-inappropriate content may

YouTube comments and



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TikTok



A free video sharing app which allows users to capture short video clips, 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.



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)



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

Twitch



NETFLIX NOW DISNEY+

Netflix shows such as 'Squid Game' and '13 Reasons Why' went viral and attracted the attention of young 16+ people, despite not being appropriate for under 18s. Parental controls which restrict access to age-inappropriate content e.g. profile PIN codes.



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.





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