






5 Tips to Protect Your Children from Online Predators






1 LEARN THE MOBILE APPS

Social media and technology create a new level of efficiency for sexual predators. Here are a few apps they may use to lure children:

MOBILE MESSAGING AND CHAT APPS

-  *Facebook Messenger*
-  *WhatsApp*
-  *Snapchat*
-  *Kik*
-  *Whisper*




LIVESTREAMING APPS

-  *TikTok (formerly Musical.ly)*
-  *Bigo Live*
-  *Yubo*
-  *Facebook*
-  *Instagram*




VAULT APPS

Your child can use these to hide inappropriate photos or messages.

iOS

-  *Best Secret Folder by RV AppStudios LLC*
-  *Secret Photo Album by BPMobile*
-  *Secret Calculator Photo Album by Wei Wei*

Android

-  *Clock-the Vault*
-  *Calc Vault*
-  *Hide Something*
-  *AppLock by DoMobile Lab*

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2 COMMUNICATE WITH YOUR CHILD

Practice open and honest communication to build trust between you and your child. Here are a few questions to help you start a conversation:

- *Has anyone ever approached you online about inappropriate or sexual things?*
- *What should you do if someone makes you feel uncomfortable?*
- *Do you know how to report, flag, or block people on the apps you're using?*

3 CREATE A FAMILY ACTION PLAN

When you set clear expectations, you're helping your child avoid the dangers of social media and technology. To keep your child safe on the internet,

- *limit their screen time*
- *friend them on social media*
- *monitor their online activity on your device*
- *invite them to sign a **Family Online Safety Agreement***

4 KNOW THE SIGNS OF GROOMING

Grooming is the No. 1 tactic predators use to gain access to children. If your child is being groomed, they might:

- *be secretive about their online activity*
- *receive unexpected gifts (money, clothes, etc.)*
- *change passwords to avoid parental monitoring*
- *isolate themselves from family and friends*
- *show signs of anxiety, anger, or depression*

5 BE READY TO ACT

When your child is targeted by an online predator, remember the following:

- **DO** contact law enforcement immediately
- **DO NOT** tell the suspect you're calling police
- **DO NOT** delete anything from your child's device
- **DO** take screenshots of the offender's profile



Tips provided by Jason Weis, co-founder and president of **The Demand Project**



ADDITIONAL RESOURCES

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