

## Parents ↴

### What is an App?

An App is a small, specialised software programme which can be downloaded to a mobile device to carry out a particular function.

### Why are Apps so popular with young people?

Young people love to personalise their own devices by downloading 'apps', which carry out fun and useful functions from looking up the weather forecast, playing games to sharing photos on a social networking site!

### Some of the risks

- Ignoring age restrictions
- Sharing personal information/images
- Communicating with people they don't know
- Playing games online with people they don't know



Further information about apps and mobile devices can be found in Childnet's 'Parents' Guide to Technology' <http://www.childnet.com/resources/a-parents-guide-to-technology>

### Social Media Rules for Teens and Tweens

1. Always have Privacy Settings switched 'ON'
  2. Think before you post
  3. Never post mean messages or embarrassing photos
  4. Turn off location tracking
  5. Don't spend all day online
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### Looking for Online Safety advice for parents, children and young people this summer?

Visit the UK SaferInternet Centre website for:  
Guides on privacy settings for different sites  
Checklists for popular sites such as Instagram  
Watch *Smartie the Penguin* talk to Red and Murphy about respecting difference online.

<http://www.saferinternet.org.uk/news/staying-safe-online-this-summer>



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## Stop Press



### Pokémon GO

A player's location is tracked, stored and revealed to nearby players, including children and adults. Privacy policy indicates user information—name, email, age and location—is collected.

Age Recommendation 13+



### Facebook Messenger

Messenger lets users text, voice-message, send video or photos instantly, or call contacts from their mobile devices. Users can sign up for Messenger without a Facebook account.

Age Recommendation 16+

Reviews from: <https://www.common sense media.org>

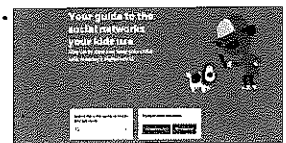
The NSPCC and O2 have joined forces to provide parents with the skills and support to keep children and young people safe online.

### How?

Website: <https://www.nspcc.org.uk/fighting-for-childhood/about-us/partners/nspcc-o2-online-safety-partnership/>

### Lots of tips and advice including:

Net Aware - a simple guide for parents to the most popular social networks, apps and games.



Learn about the privacy settings and

safety guidelines for

Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat and more. Read up-to-date reviews from

parents and children for each app, game and social network.



Share Aware - help your child to stay safe on social networks, apps and games

Free NetAware App for iPad; iPhone; iPod Touch available on the App Store

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