

# Dangerous Apps

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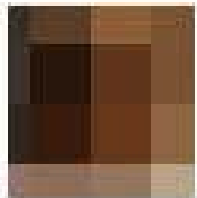


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Facebook is still around but...



# Mom and Dad are on Facebook



Rachel

My son is on a date and he's convinced she's coming home with him tonight. I've covered his room in Justin Bieber posters....Now we wait :-D

Unlike · Comment · Share · 11 hours ago near Deception Bay, Queensland ·



and 18 others like this.

**Kate** You are evil Rachel. I love it!

11 hours ago via mobile · Like · 1

**Venetta** That is GOLD!!!

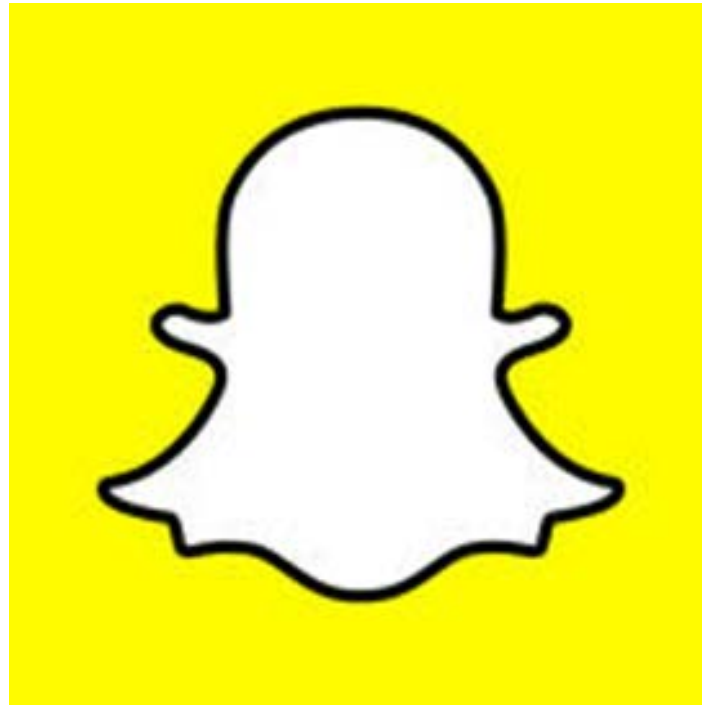
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**Missb** LOVE IT

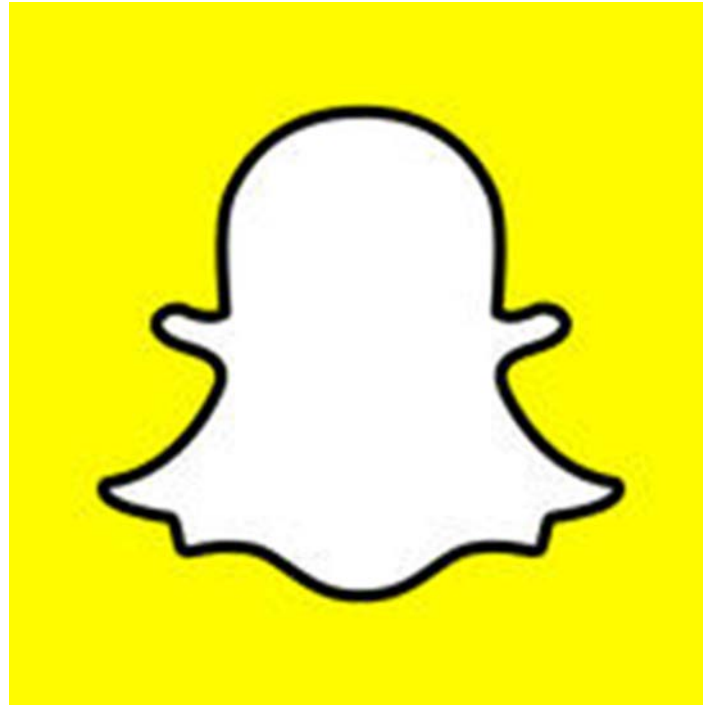
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NAME THAT APP... *We will start with an easy one*



Snapchat 😊



# Snapchat

## **Intended use:**

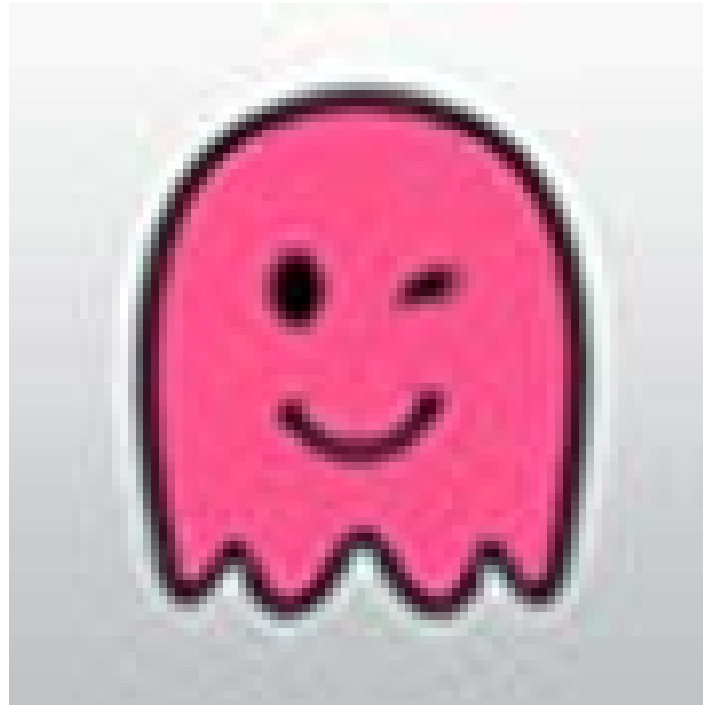
- Allows people to capture an image or video and make it available to the recipient only for a **SPECIFIC TIME**, then automatically *DISAPPEARS FOREVER*

## **How it is misused:**

- This App makes kids feel much more comfortable “sexting” with others.



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SnapHack 😊




SnapHack 😊 (another one)



# SnapHack

## **Intended use:**

- Snap Hack will allow the photo or video sent via Snapchat  to be saved onto the recipient's camera roll where it can be viewed, edited and sent to others.

## **How it is misused:**

- Seemingly “private” photos and videos received through Snapchat can be used to bully, harass, and/or humiliate the sender.

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Backchat 😊



# Backchat

## Intended use:

- *Allows the recipient of an anonymous text to **judge what is being said** before they **judge who said it**.*
  - *Allows children to send and receive “text messages” even without having cellular service. Such as iPads.*

## How it is misused:

- It is a guessing game of who is texting who, but could hurt kids by receiving inappropriate texts without knowing who is responsible.

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Omegle 😊



# OmeGLE



## **Intended use:**

- OmeGLE is a free online **video and chat app** that randomly “pairs” users in one-on-one anonymous “You” and “Stranger” chat sessions without having to register.

## **How it is misused:**

- This service **The app is filled with adults searching for sexual chat.** Some prefer to do so live; others offer children links to porn websites; and since the **chats are anonymous,** they're often much more explicit.

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kik messenger 😊



# kik messenger

## **Intended use:**

- A free alternative texting service without using phone numbers needed, just usernames.
- Allows texts/pictures to be send without being logged in the phone history.

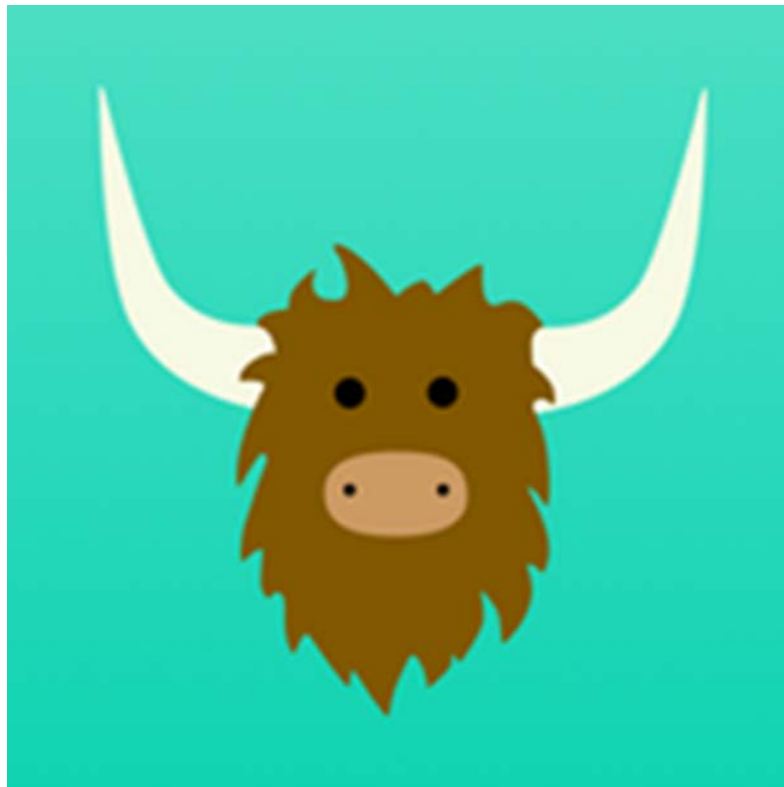
## **How it is misused:**

- It's a very **easy tool for “sexting”** with more of a feel of being face to face.
- This handy App allows children to send private messages that their parents cannot see.
- Impossible to verify the identity of someone on kik.
- Poses the risk of sexual predators chatting with children to solicit photos and **cyberbullying**.

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Yik Yak 😊



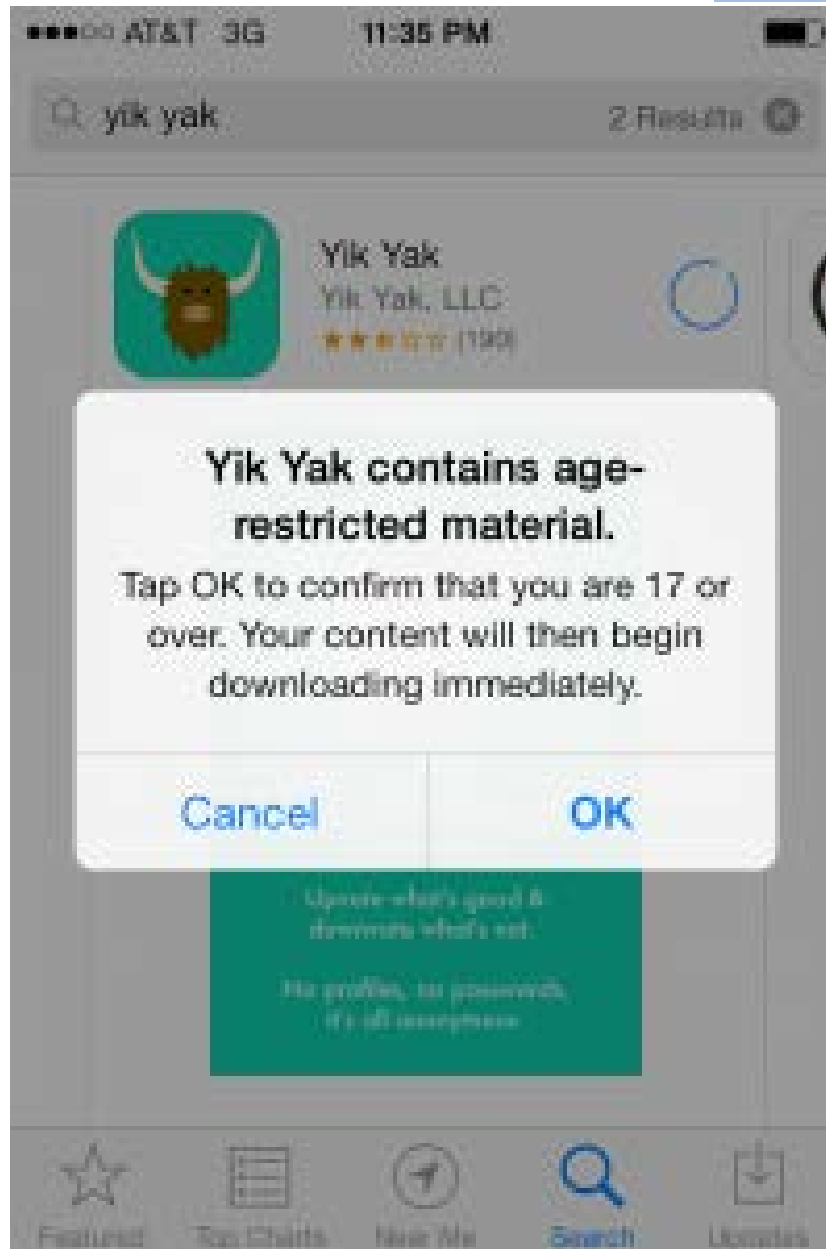
# Yik Yak

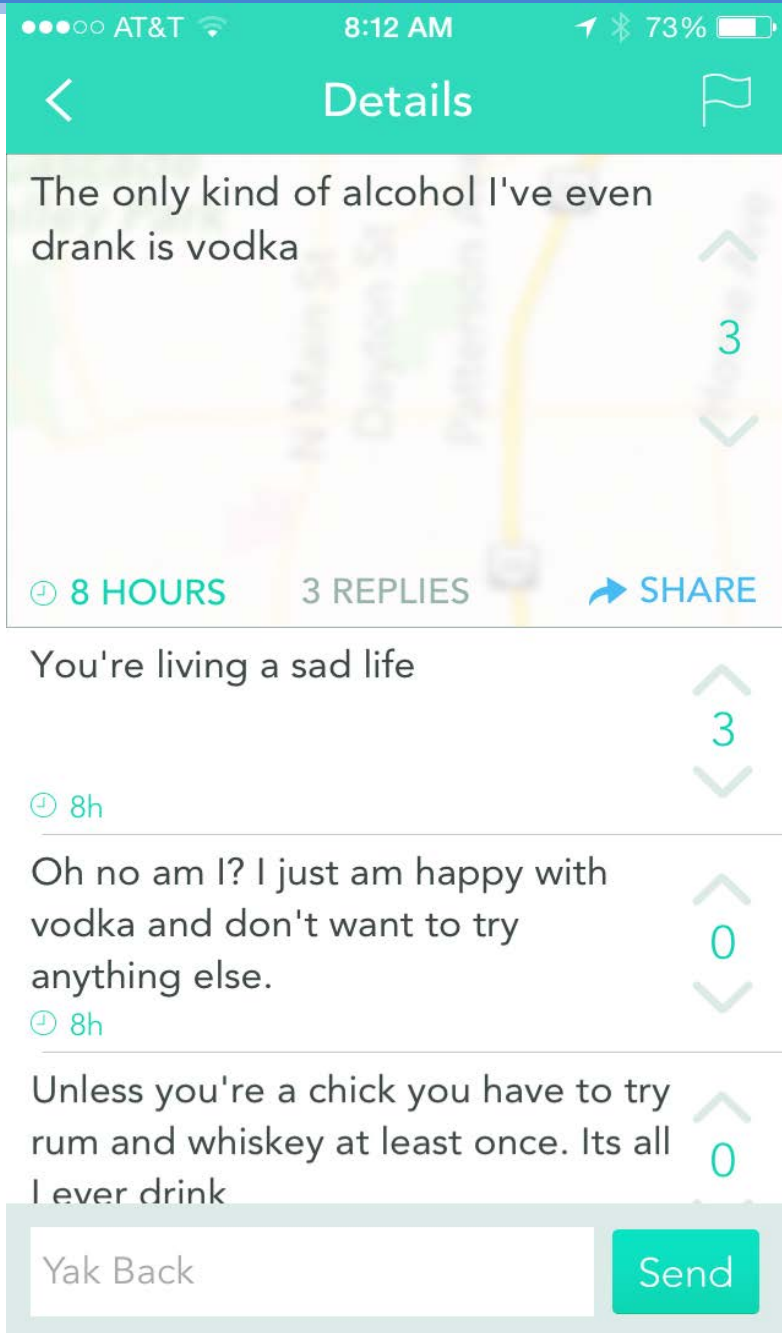
## Intended use:

- To be an authentic way for adults to connect with their communities and find their herds...
- To foster rich communities and to push the boundaries on what it means to be a social platform.
- Allows the user to post completely anonymous comments (without having to create a profile or account) that are accessible to the **nearest 500 people (within a 1 & 1/2 mile radius) via GPS tracking ability.**

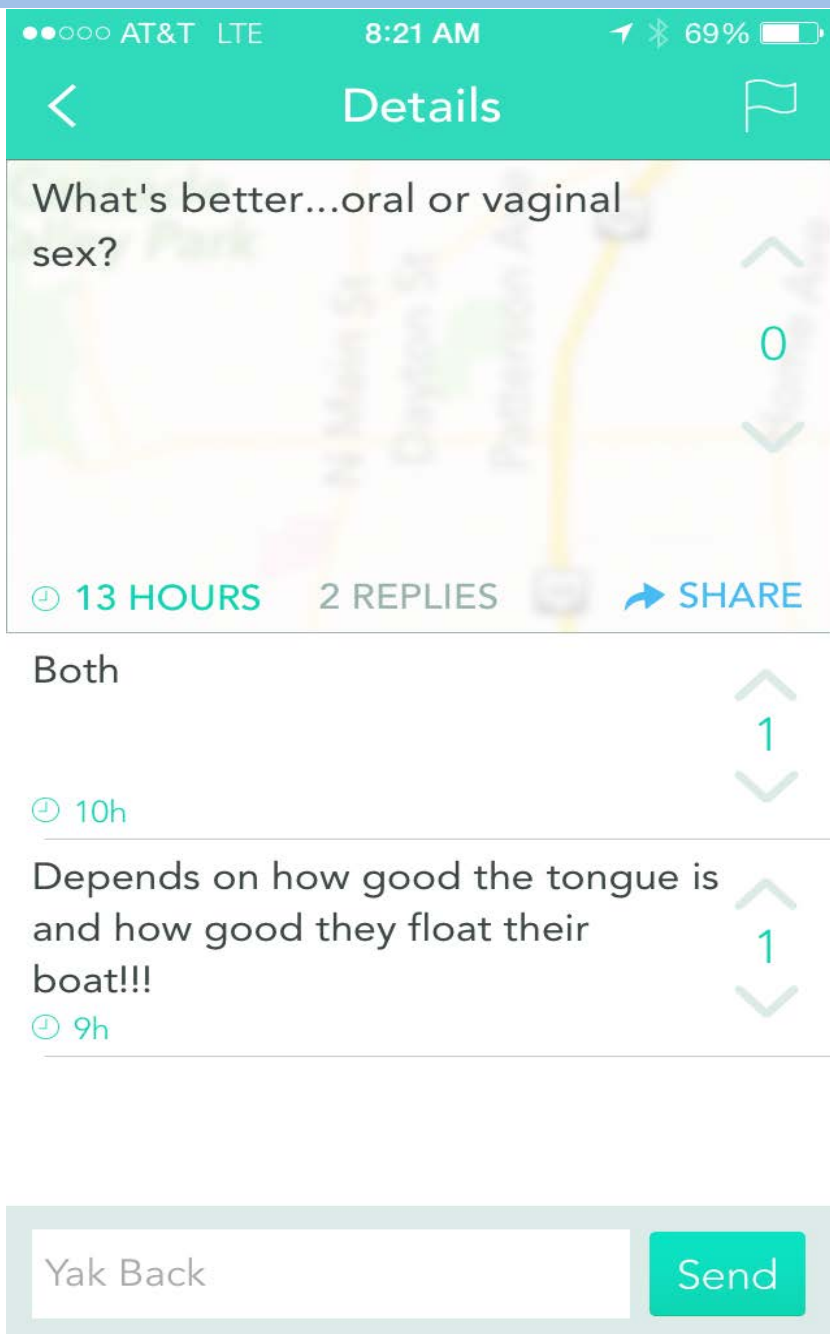
## How it is misused:

- It can turn a school into a “**virtual chat room**” where everyone can post his or her comments, anonymously, taking “**cyberbullying**” to a whole new level.





**Standing just  
outside a  
middle school  
at 8:12 AM...**



Standing just  
inside the  
same middle  
school at  
8:21AM...

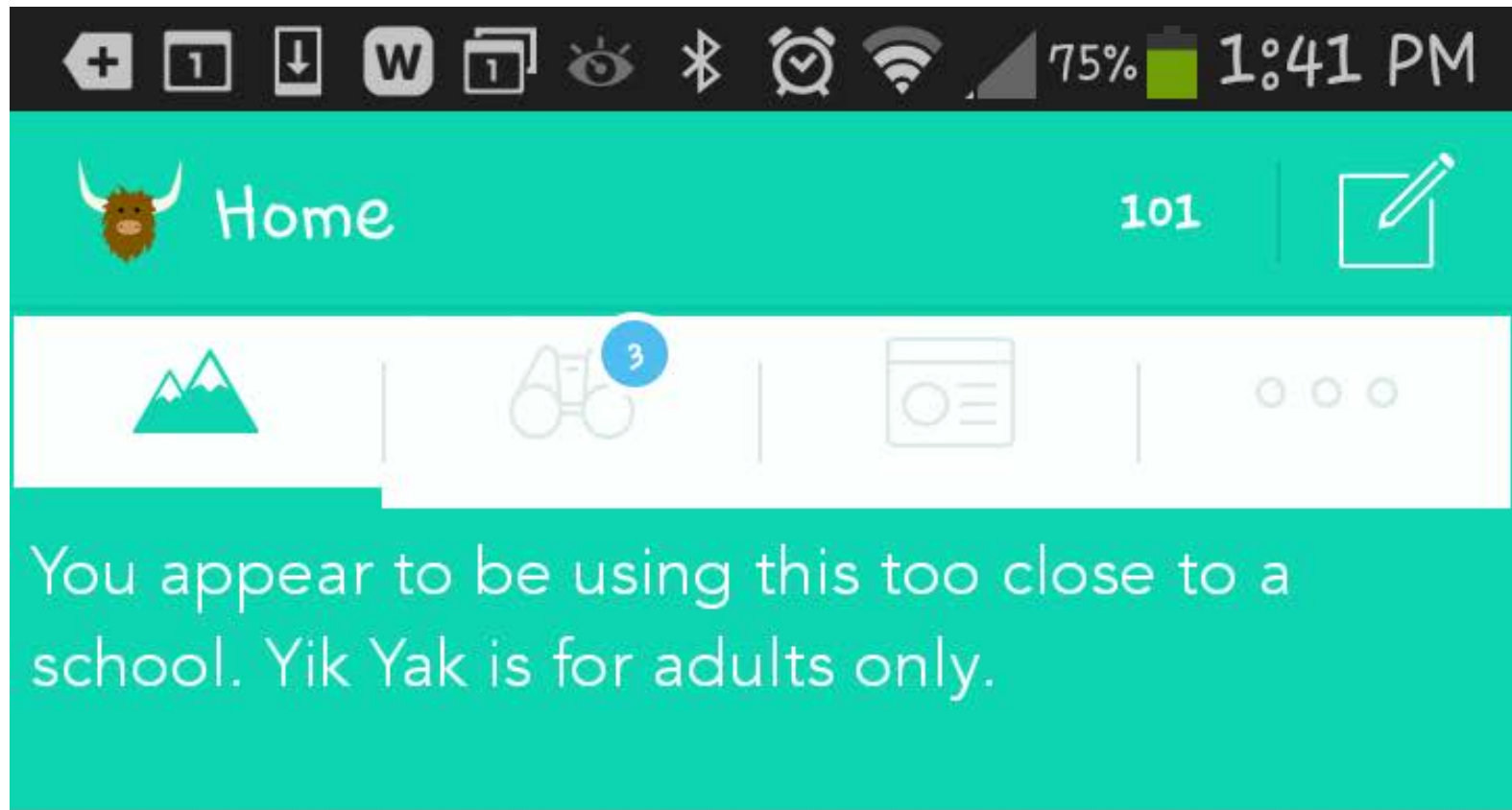
# Yik Yak

- *“The creators of Yik Yak decided to disseminate the technological equivalent of crack cocaine on America...”*
- **This is quite possibly one of the most dangerous Apps a child can have on their phone.**
  - *FYI: On July 15, 2015 Yik Yak announced that its users will be allowed to post photos, along with their comments.*

# Geofencing

- Geofencing is a technology that defines a virtual boundary around a real-world geographical area.
- In doing so, a radius of interest is established that can trigger an action in a geo-enabled phone or other portable electronic device.
  - A geographic virtual boundary

# Geo Fence at Work...



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# Instagram 😊



# Instagram

## **Intended use:**

- **A popular photo and 15 second video sharing app** that is easily shared with other “followers” who can “like” the photo or video.

## **How it is misused:**

- Students can post embarrassing photos of others with a caption or to make cruel or humiliating comments about a photo posted by someone else.
  - **The victim is not notified about the photo or comments, resulting in the victim being harassed or humiliated without knowing why.**
- Private text messages can be posted by taking a “screen shot” of the text and posting it.
- It is a way for students to be targeted by predators as “followers.”

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Ifunny 😊



# Ifunny

## Intended use:

- Ifunny App (*and similar apps like 9gag* ) lets users create posts using cartoons, photos with funny captions to post or send to others. **They are called “memes”**
  - Once a comic strip (or captioned photo) is created, it can be uploaded to other social networks or saved to phones or computers.

## How it is misused:

- This App may expose our younger children (*pre-teens*) to humor that they may not be ready for.
- Instead of funny captions, students can use mean or hurtful captions that can be used to bully other students.

## INAPPROPRIATE CAT CALLING



**Sample ifunny meme**

## APPROPRIATE CAT CALLING





I wish I  
was filled  
with tacos,  
instead of  
emotions.

dafucfunnies.net



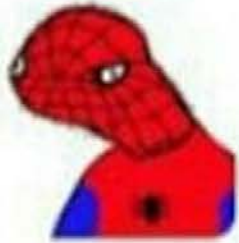
## Sample ifunny meme

This doesn't sound like a very good job.



**Sample ifunny  
meme**

**Fabulous!**



**Spodermen**

@spodermenpls

**Sample ifunny meme**

ur ugly cuz u hav dis rare dizees cald ur  
face

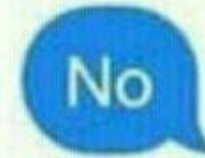
Jul 27, 2015, 7:26 PM

HEY GIRL U WANT SOME  
GOOD SEX?

Jul 27, 2015, 8:29 PM

THEN U CAME TO THE  
RIGHT GUY

**Sample ifunny  
meme...**



**Thirst trap too real**

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Whisper 😊



# Whisper

## **Intended use:**

- Whisper also allows users to set up anonymous accounts *(or random names generated by the app)* to make their messages or **confessions** overlap onto an image. Allows for creative expression when expressing emotions that users may be keeping inside.

## **How it is misused:**

- Is used by sexual predators to seek out vulnerable youngsters for grooming purposes.
- The **App also shows the user's location.**

## Sample Whisper “Confession”

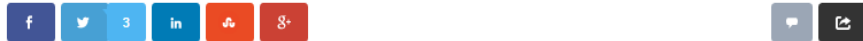


## Whisper has been linked to several rapes of children by sexual predators they met on Whisper.

POLITICS

### Whisper App Rape: Ronald Peterson III Arrested For Allegedly Raping 12-Year-Old Washington Girl He Met Through Secrets App

By Howard Koplowitz [@howardkoplowitz](#) [h.koplowitz@ibtimes.com](mailto:h.koplowitz@ibtimes.com) on October 22, 2013 2:52 PM EDT



Washington state detectives claim that a man arrested for allegedly raping a 12-year-old girl admitted that he sought out the girl through [Whisper](#), a meeting app that encourages users to post secrets.

Ronald Peterson III, 21, of Lynwood, Wash., told detectives he used Whisper to communicate with the underage girl, Seattle Fox affiliate [Q13](#) reported earlier this month. Their online relationship reportedly began in September, when Peterson started messaging with the girl. He claimed he was 21 years old, and she said she was 14, according to police.

Peterson eventually convinced the girl to meet him, and she snuck out of her home to join him at a Lynwood hotel.

Lake Forest Park Police Chief Stephen Sutton said Whisper can be a tool for sexual predators since users can post their location and opine on everything from adultery to alcohol, Seattle CBS affiliate KIRO [reported](#).

"This one is problematic because it shotguns information out and identifies a certain area that you are in," Sutton told the station.

The alleged rape rattled the neighborhood where the 12-year-old girl lives.

"I'm kind of shocked," neighbor Richard Whipple told KIRO. "Around here, those things don't happen."

Peterson, who doesn't have a prior criminal record, was arrested and taken to the Snohomish County Jail on suspicion of rape charges. He was later charged with luring and communicating with a minor for immoral purposes, according to Q13.

### Whisper App Linked to Rape of 16 Year-Old Girl in Bensalem

Bensalem, PA

By ROB ZIDAR (Open Post)  
 © July 2, 2014 | P



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Tinder 😊






# Tinder

## Intended use:

- This app connects **adults** to others nearby who may be interested in them. It's a new way for **adults to connect**. Pictures/profiles show up of those nearby who are interested in meeting someone, using a map to pin point the location of the user.
  - If both swipe right then the app allows them to message each other!

## How it is misused:

- Easily used by sexual predators to seek and find a child victim who is nearby.
  - Tinder, Bang with Friends,  Down,  &  all are adult **meet-up apps** that could be dangerous for children.

# Woman gang-raped by Tinder date and his friends

October 8, 2014

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The woman says she was at a bar in Martin Place when her date's friends showed up. *Photo: Louise Kennerley*

Police are warning online daters to be careful of meeting with strangers after a tourist was gang-raped after being introduced to a man she met on mobile dating app Tinder.

## *Tinder in the news...*

### Teens on Tinder: High Schoolers Have Invaded the Social Dating App

### Underage Teens Are Using Hookup App Tinder; Should Parents Be Worried?

Anonymously like or pass on each suggestion



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ask.fm 😊



# ask.fm

## **Intended use:**

- Ask.fm is a social networking app that allows users to post questions from known or anonymous users who then posts “answers”
- A place to ask questions in order to illicit legitimate answers...



# ask.fm

## **How it is misused:**

- It is a **parent free digital space** where kids can go to goof off and escape the built-in accountability of Facebook.
- **KNOWN FOR SEVERE CYBER-BULLYING!**
- 150 million users and is adding members at a rate of 200,000 a day.
  - It's spreading from kid to kid, infiltrating middle schools and high schools at lightning speed world wide.



#Jessica Laney † (jessicamariee1)

Names jessica, i'm 16, i play soccer and i am singlee  
whatupp, and if you have time follow me.3 [http://3t-  
yourmindgo.tumblr.com/](http://3t-yourmindgo.tumblr.com/)

468

answers

556

likes

0

gifts

+ Follow

Make a gift

you would be cool if you asked me a question (;

300 Ask

answers RSS

pat doesnt even like you

okay

2 days ago

2 people like this

Are your sad statuses about pat??

not att alllll.<3

3 days ago

1 person likes this

you have pretty eyes but your fat

awesome. but i'm not fat.

6 days ago



# 16 year old Jessica Laney

Constantly abused on **ask.fm...**

With non-stop postings about her being “fat” and a “slut”

**“Can you kill yourself already?”**

**“nobody even cares about you”**

**She was tormented relentlessly...**

*She reaches out:*

Jessica wrote about suicide a month before she hung herself she communicated: ***'I promise it will get better. Nothing's worth it'***

*'My brother and I don't talk anymore,' she wrote earlier this month. 'My dad, yeah he ignores me like I don't even f\*\*\*ing exist. I have almost no friends I actually trust. My mom bitches at me for the littlest things. I am basically all alone.'*



# 14 year old Hannah Smith

Tormented relentlessly  
on **ask.fm**

- “**every1 will be happy if u died**”
- “**drink bleach**”
- “**go die**”
- *Hannah hung herself in her bedroom where she was found by her little sister.*



# 17 year old Daniel Perry

- Victim of extortion scam after having online conversations with a person he believed was a girl. Duped to engaging in a sexual act...
- Tormented on ask.fm
- Constantly urged to take his own life for several months prior to his death..
  - “kill yourself”
  - “please kill yourself”
  - “you need to let a blade meet your throat”... etc.



# 14 year old Rebecca Sedwick

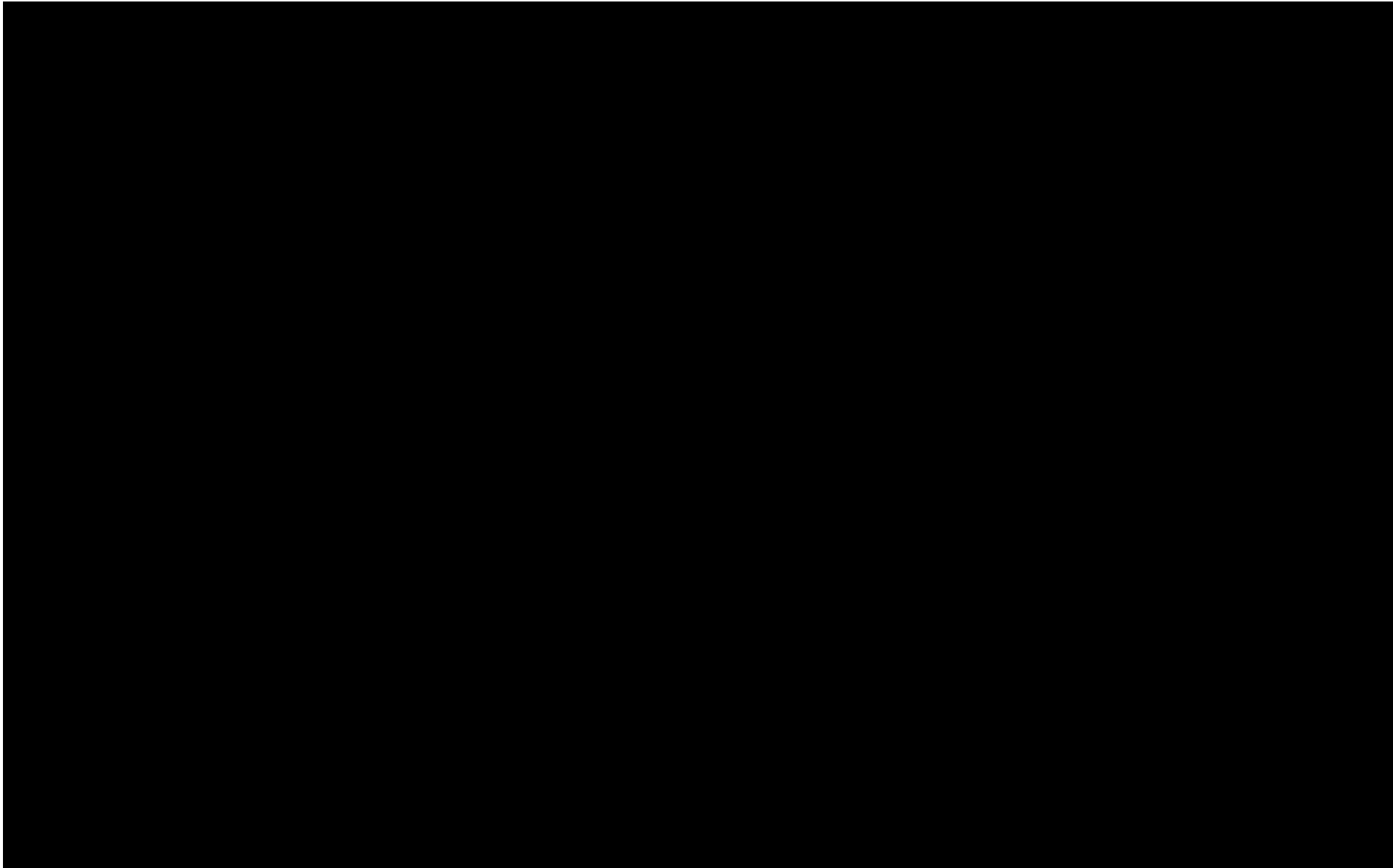
- After a year of relentless cyber-bullying, Rebecca committed suicide at an abandoned cement plant.
- She was constantly tormented by two bullies (and an additional 15 bullies) ...
  - ***“needed to kill herself”***
  - ***“you deserve to die”***
  - ***“would you please just die”***
- She changed her user name on



to ***“that dead girl”***

***nobody  
noticed...***





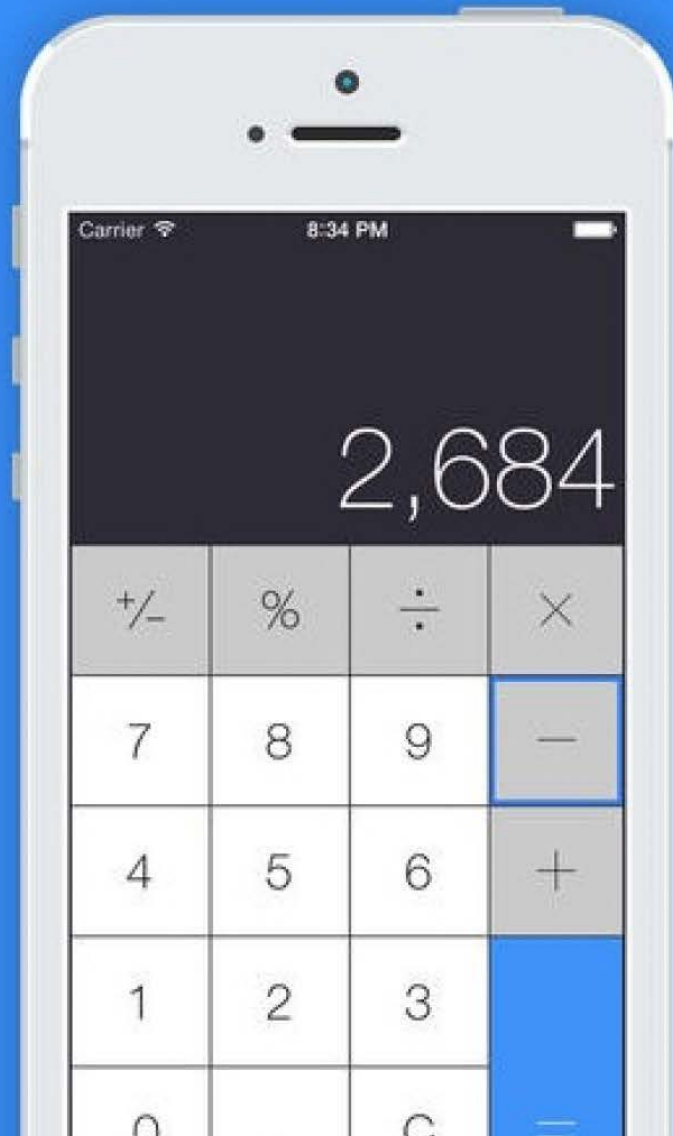
NOVEMBER 7, 2015

- **10% of Colorado high school students implicated in massive nude sexting ring.**

Store photos, videos, notes, files, contacts, passwords, and bookmarks privately in one place.



Works and looks just like any other calculator until you enter your secret passcode.



## Photo Vaults “GHOST APPS”

- Poof!
- Disguised to look and function like an innocent app...
- “Anyone who starts this application looks at a calculator, but if you put in passcode it will open up private area. All files are securely stored in the App and remain completely private and confidential.”
  - **DECOY PASSWORDS!!!**
- 28<sup>th</sup> most downloaded app “Private Photo Vault”

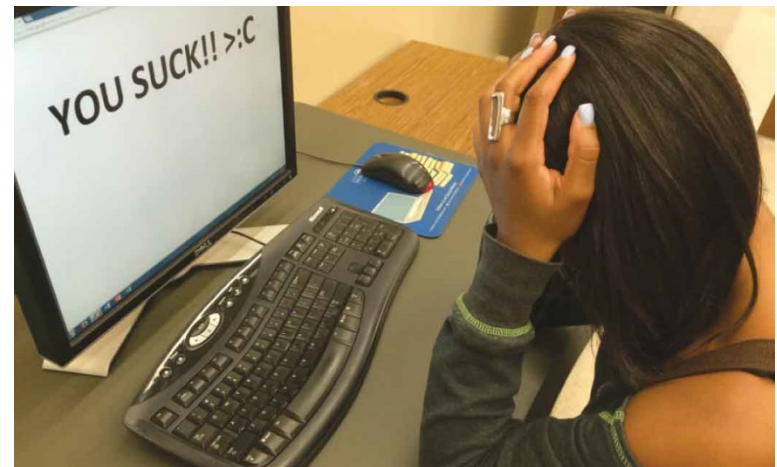
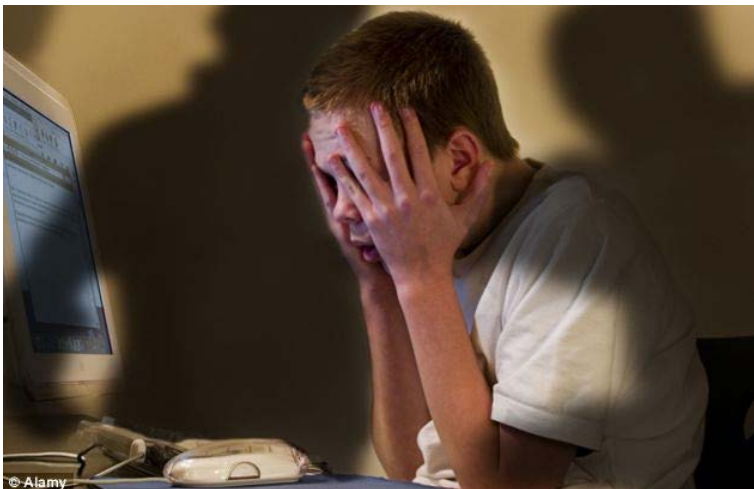


- This is not *our world* that kids are operating in ...we are digital immigrants. We have to immerse ourselves in what's going on in their world, *as uncomfortable as it is*. Our kids are at stake, and we cannot drop the vigilance of knowing and understanding what's really going on in their worlds.

- Cyber-bullying has several key differences from traditional bullying:
  - Location
  - Secrecy
  - Attitude
  - Emotional vs. Physical

# Location

- Cyber bullying literally happens anywhere!
- More pervasive!
- **HOME** is no longer the “safe harbor” for cyber-bully victims.



# Secrecy

- The ability for the aggressor to remain anonymous.
- In some cases, the aggressor and the victim may not even know each other.
  - What a child posts on their own social media account can and will be used against them!
- One of the biggest ways to prevent kids from being a target is to minimize their digital footprint!
  - The less information is less ammunition that can be used against them.

# Attitude

- Cyber-bullying is often seen as “not being such a big deal”
  - Kids who are upset about being cyber-bullied are sometimes seen as wimps who needed to “man up”... UNTIL THEY BECOME A TARGET!
- *Remember Rebecca Sedwick...*
  - One of the 14 year old fellow students accused of bullying her and was charged with a Felony, responded by posting “***Yes IK I bullied REBECCA and she killed her self but IDGAF.***”
  - ***Complete lack of empathy***

# Emotional vs. Physical

- The wounds are hidden and may not be easily visible. (*Black eye v. cutting and emotional pain*)
- If unnoticed, it can leave the student victim feeling like they are utterly alone, making their situation worse.

- 15 year old

**Amanda Todd**

Posted video on  
YouTube before  
taking her own life



Didn't have  
any friends  
and I sat at  
lunch alone

name  
calling,  
Judged...

I started  
cutting...

Everyday I  
think why am  
I still here?

I thought  
he liked me

my name  
is Arronda  
Todd...

Then nobody  
liked me

My boobs  
were his  
profile pic...

I wanted to  
die so bad...  
when he brought  
me home I  
drank bleach...

His girlfriend  
and 15 others  
came including  
Herself...

So she did..  
She threw me  
to the ground  
a punched me  
several times

Kids filmed it.  
I was all alone  
and left on the  
ground.

After I got  
home all I saw  
was on facebook  
- She deserved it, did  
you wash the mud out  
of your hair? - I hope she  
died.

# Proper Parental Monitoring of their Child's Cell Phone and Internet Activity **WORKS!**

- My Mobile Watchdog
- Phone Sheriff
- Mspy
- Mobile Spy
- Mobiestealth
- WebWatcher Mobile
- Spyera
- SpyBubble
- Flexispy



# Takeaway

*“Just as social media is not going away anytime soon, cyber-bullying is not going away. It will most likely be a never-ending fight – one that is worth fighting, no matter what the outlook is...”*

*Education, awareness and dialogue are the best ways to tackle this problem.”*

- Joseph Yeager