




PARENT ADVICE

ONLINE SAFETY

Parent Tips

Do you use the same password (or variation of) for all your accounts? Identity theft has become more and more common as people are increasingly living their lives online: shopping, banking, connecting, and everything in between with home assist gadgets. Protecting your passwords has never been more important, as 'reclaiming' your identity can be a very difficult, expensive and drawn out process. There are a few apps on the market which can store passwords, or you can use the imbedded 'password manager' on your smartphone.



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TRILLER

- PROS**
- CONS**
- Drug and alcohol use, language
 - Sexual content
 - Privacy concerns

ABOUT:

'Triller' is a video and social media platform, similar to the popular app 'TikTok'. Users can lip-sync, add music and edit videos, and share and chat with other users.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS:

No sign in or registration is required, with viewers able to see the most popular videos as soon as the app is downloaded.

Parents are concerned about the amount of sexually suggestive videos posted, with searchable hashtags making those videos easily accessible. Drug use, (while not prolific) has a presence in the videos, as does 'challenges' which include young people undertaking risky behaviour.

Privacy is also a concern, with the option of 'Private Account' not enabled by default (viewers can see any videos posted until the option is chosen). Data collection is turned on by default. The T&C's state that user's videos can be used for advertising etc, while excluding the user of rights to receive any revenue whatsoever.



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YOLO

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- Anonymous
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ABOUT:

'Yolo' is an anonymous Question and Answer app which links to a Snapchat account.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS:

Users set up 'Bunches' which are group chats attached to Snapchat contacts. Users then ask and answer anonymous questions of each other. Instagram has stated it is not affiliated with the app.

While an opening warning of 'no objectionable content or abusiveness will be tolerated', the app lacks any real safety features. As with any app that purports to be 'anonymous', bullying and harassment is always a risk for young people.

The Terms and Conditions have real privacy concerns, with user's images, uploads, videos and data may be used at the app developer's discretion, while the user may be required to procure all the rights from the recording artist to use songs or other content.

For more information and helpful parent tips regarding your child's tech use, visit www.perimeterguardian.com.au/insights

