



PARENT ADVICE

ONLINE SAFETY

Parent Tips

Your child coming across adult content on the internet is not a matter of if, but when (even if it's unintentional, and even if you have every filter available). Fortunately, there are heaps of resources available for parents for your first preventative discussion, or in response to a problem. You're not alone and you don't need to be an expert in communications to tackle this hurdle. Click [here](#) for a great starting point and for more resources.



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LOOK

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| Connect with friends | Chat with strangers |
| | Offensive language |
| | Difficult to delete |

ABOUT:

'Look' is a communication app which provides users with the opportunity to chat, message, video chat, live stream and share moments with individuals, one on one, or in group chat formats.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS:

'Look' encourages and recommends users talking with strangers that are nearby using smartphone location data. This also means that your children can be contacted by strangers who know they are in close proximity to them. Parents have raised concerns about how easy it is to get in contact with strangers, and vice versa.

'Look' has also been reported to be difficult to delete and unsubscribe from, even making it hard to contact support for help.

One further concern that has been raised is that as the app requests permission to access contacts, it then sends out invites to everyone in your contact list in a spam-like method.

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



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TWITCH

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| Free | Chat with strangers |
| Learn new skills for gamers | Sexual themes |
| | In-app purchases |

ABOUT:

'Twitch' is an online streaming service which hosts videos of games and gamers as they play. It is comparable to 'YouTube' for gamers and provides individuals a chance to record and upload their own content, or just watch other gamers play games that they're interested in.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS:

Users can easily bypass the age restrictions to register an account, and 'Twitch' sells their own in-game currency which can be used to purchase items or be given as gifts to other people.

Unfortunately, while reviewing 'Twitch' two streams of explicit content were found, which were uploaded as a prerecorded video rather than a live stream. It's important to note that this content was accessed without signing in to 'Twitch' and using an account. Even though the content was eventually removed, it was still available to be viewed for a significant amount of time.

Parents have expressed concerns that often gamers will dress in skimpy clothes which allows them to bypass the community guidelines of no nudity, but still garner extra attention. It's not difficult to find these streams either, with just two clicks users can land on a gamer's pages which can be inappropriate for young people.

