



# PARENT ADVICE

## ONLINE SAFETY

### Parent Tips

Child Protection Week (1-7 Sept) reminds us that taking devices out of the bedroom is an important way to effectively help keep your kids away from sexting, cyberbullying and pornography. It's also a great way to improve sleep! Teachers report that students are falling behind, tired from being up late on their devices.

Great tip: buy your child an alarm clock and move their phone out of the bedroom. Lead by example too! You'll see a marked improvement in your own sleep.



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## GRAND THEFT AUTO

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| <b>PROS</b> | <b>CONS</b>   |
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> Drug and alcohol use</li> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> Strong graphic violence</li> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> Strong Sexual content</li> </ul> |

### ABOUT:

Grand Theft Auto (GTA) is an action-adventure game available on PlayStation, Xbox, PC's and other platforms. It centres around heist sequences either on foot or driving. The multiplayer mode lets up 30 players compete against each other.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS:

Never shying away from controversy, Grand Theft Auto is a multi-user, open world game with "Blood and Gore, Intense Violence, Mature Humor, Nudity, Strong Language, Strong Sexual Content, and Use of Drugs and Alcohol." It's 18+ age rating makes it unsuitable for children of any age, however, some teachers have been informed that parents are allowing their children to download the game, either through an older siblings' account or with parental permission.

The Australasian download of GTA was slightly more restricted than other regions, with some scenes depicting extreme violence against women unavailable. However, there is still extreme violence, graphic nudity and is unsuitable for children.

For more information and helpful parent tips regarding your child's tech use, visit [www.perimeterguardian.com.au/insights](http://www.perimeterguardian.com.au/insights)



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## LIKEE

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| <b>PROS</b> | <b>CONS</b>  |
|             | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> Chat with strangers</li> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> Sexual content</li> <li><span style="color: red;">●</span> In-app purchases</li> </ul> |

### ABOUT:

Likee is a video sharing app (formerly Like Video) where users can create a short video to be shared.

### WHAT ARE THE RISKS:

As soon as downloading the app, users are able to see the most 'popular' videos, which are mainly young girls in sexualized positions. The very young age of the children featured draws attention to its 17+ age rating restriction, which is clearly not enforced. No sign in is required before videos can be viewed. Sign in (account creation) is required to make videos.

With location services on, users can see videos in the surrounding area, creating privacy concerns for minors.

Anyone's videos can be downloaded and shared on many platforms such as Facebook or texts messages, even users you aren't following. Users can like and comment on any video, without approval from the users who wish to follow you.

Parents are concerned that Likee is actually a social media app (not a video sharing app) with very light restrictions and controls.

