

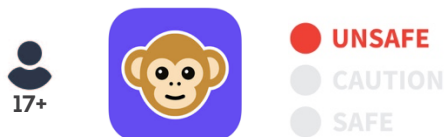


# PARENT ADVICE

## ONLINE SAFETY

### Parent Tips

Parents shouldn't assume that their children's use of Snapchat is still as innocent as it was when they first began using it. Given its continued popularity over many years, parents may have become complacent in their vigilance. However, Snapchat has not only evolved with each new update, but it has become increasingly popular amongst young people, even surpassing Facebook or Instagram. Parents who have become friends with their children on FB or IG may not be aware that their children are far more active on Snapchat, which is sometimes harder to navigate and less intuitive and user-friendly. Because parents are generally less Snapchat-savvy than their children, there are naturally higher risks associated with the use of the app.



### MONKEY

- PROS**
- Video chat with strangers
- CONS**
- Sexual content

#### ABOUT:

Monkey is an app designed for users aged 17 years and over that allows them to be randomly matched with other users anywhere in the world for a brief, introductory video chat. The initial chat only lasts 15 seconds but users can extend the time if they wish. However, users can add one another to their Snapchat contacts if they wish to pursue further connections.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS:

Unless parents have enabled 'App Restrictions', Monkey is able to be downloaded by children of any age.

Serious concerns have been raised over the potential for child grooming and for children to be exposed to sexually explicit images and derogatory or abusive language. As stated in the app's terms and conditions, the app creators have the right to keep and share users' content with third parties for any reason whatsoever.

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)



### PRIVATE CALCULATOR

- PROS**
- Private
- CONS**
- In app purchases
  - Sexual content

#### ABOUT:

Private Calculator Free is a Decoy App designed for users to hide media within a calculator app. The app functions like a calculator until a passcode is entered to reveal saved photos and videos. Although listed as suitable for ages 17+, anyone can download the app (unless you have enabled restrictions).

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS:

If a student has this app, it's because they feel they have something to hide, and apps like Private Calculator can be used to capture and share sexually explicit content.

Some users have complained that after uploading their photos into the app, the passcode is changed without their permission, or the app crashes and cannot be opened, meaning that photos saved can't be retrieved or deleted.

As of April 2018, Apple has pulled the Calculator% app from iTunes after Police in the UK put out a warning to parents about the dangers of the app, given it formed part of an ongoing investigation. Like Private Calculator, several imitations of the app are still available such as Keepsafe, Photo Vault, Secret Calculator and several others.

