

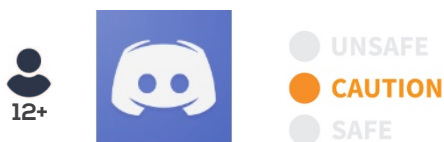


# PARENT ADVICE

## ONLINE SAFETY

### Parent Tips

Games and Apps recommended for ages 17+ are not restricted – meaning anyone of any age is able to download them, even if you have set your child's date of birth in a Family Sharing or Family Link account. Ensuring "Ask to Buy" is turned on, and your own "Purchase Sharing" is switched off – Settings / AppleID / Family Sharing (Apple) or Play Store App Store / Menu / Account / Family / Manage Family Members (Google Play) will give you control of their apps and purchases. It is worth noting that age restrictions are set by the app developers, so parents should satisfy themselves independently of the app's suitability.



### DISCORD



#### ABOUT:

Discord is a social gaming app that allows users to connect with each other using both voice and text channels. It allows gamers to talk to one another in real time whilst simultaneously playing games.

Users need to log in with a user name and can send private messages or create and participate in group chats.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

While Discord has made online gaming communication much easier, it is still essentially a social networking tool and as such carries the same potential risks for children. While the recommended age for users of Discord is 13, the app is geared primarily at older teens and adults. A large majority of online games include mature content and themes, which are discussed in the forums on Discord.

While the app itself doesn't promote questionable content, some concerns have been raised over the use of vulgar, over-sexualised or abusive language, a potential feature of most online forums and group conversations.

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)



### YUBO – LIVE VIDEO WITH FRIENDS



#### ABOUT:

Yubo (Formerly Yellow), is a social media app that encourages users to find new friends online. It allows users to choose friends by swiping left or right on their profile photo. A central feature of the app is location sharing so users can make friends with people in their local area. The app allows for group chats and live video streaming, where anyone can view the uploaded material. The app links contacts from Snapchat and Instagram automatically when friends are accepted or added.

#### WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As with any app that allows kids to livestream, parents have raised concerns around privacy and the potential for child grooming. Anyone can view group chats, and users can share inappropriate content. While the app is designed for children 13 years and over, there is no age verification required. Yubo has been described as Snapchat's version of Tinder, where users swipe left or right on users' profiles, depending on whether they like the look of them.

A concern raised around this Tinder-esque method is that it can potentially send the harmful message to children that they will be valued or chosen based solely on their outward appearance.

