



APP INSIGHTS

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Among Us - Game



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9+



13+

- Chat with strangers
- Explicit language
- Cartoon violence

WHAT IS IT?

Among Us is an online game where users are one of 4-10 little spacemen trying to figure out who the "imposter" killer is before they can take off into space. There are 3 different options for playing the game: being the host device for other local network players, playing online with others, or using a private invite code to join friends.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Although there is a language filter, many users have reported that there are easy go-arounds. The biggest risk for young people that Perimeter Guardian found was the use of the chat feature, specifically with strangers. As with any game that has this feature, this can invite potential predators into your home. This can be turned off in the settings.

! PARENT TIPS

Say NO! Are you worried about the consequences if you say 'no' to your child?

According to Georgia Manning - counsellor, psychotherapist and the director of Wellbeing for Kids - saying 'no' to your kids is one of the best things you can do for

them. Delaying gratification is one of the most important factors for success in life, and giving them every app or device or game just because their friends have it is not always the best thing to do. Don't be swayed by peer pressure. If the app isn't suitable, then don't allow it - and don't be too worried about saying no!



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SnapChat

- updated features



12+



12+



15+

Chat with strangers
Sexual content
Grooming possibilities
Bullying

WHAT IS IT?

Along with a few other music features (to compete with TikTok) Snapchat has added the ability for anyone to have a public profile (previously it was only celebrities and influencers) and try to build out an audience on Snapchat. Snapchat has also introduced a new feature called Quick Add, which you can see displayed at the bottom of your chat list and your stories tab. It includes a short list of suggested users to add based on mutual friendships.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

If your child is using Snapchat, it is advisable to check their settings including their profile, check who can see their Snaps, their stories and who can add them. In addition, it is advisable to talk to your young person about not sharing their "snapcodes" on other social media platforms, and ensuring notifications are turned on for things like "screenshots" – this will let them know if someone has taken a screenshot of their snap before it expires. However, they won't be notified if another device has taken a photo of their snap.

! PARENT TIPS

How do you know if your child is being 'groomed'?

There are hundreds of thousands of predators on the internet, actively searching and trying to trick young people into sharing photos, videos and to have intimate conversations.

They will then use the smallest thing to blackmail the child for more, and to lock in secrecy. Check their devices regularly (even if you haven't noticed a change in behaviour) and have regular "check-in" cybersafety conversations, and assure them of your support and love if they happen to make a mistake.