

## FIND HIDDEN APPS ON PHONES

### **Why should students care?**

Using apps to hide your social media activity might mean you are engaging in behaviors that could hurt your digital footprint. Would you want your hidden activity to be found by your dream school or future employer? Everything you post on social media or send in messages can be discovered online-even if you use apps that claim to delete your post after a set amount of time, like Snapchat or Instagram stories.

### **Why should parents care?**

Some kids might think they can use certain apps to engage in negative activities because that activity won't show up on their parent's phone bill. Using these apps can be dangerous and put your child at risk of encountering predators. So, it's important to monitor the apps your children download.

### **What could go wrong?**

According to a report from ABC, there are child predators who know about these apps, and try to engage with your child. Take them offline and say 'hey, download this app, we can communicate that way, no one ever has to know'.

### **Apps that can hide activity from parents**

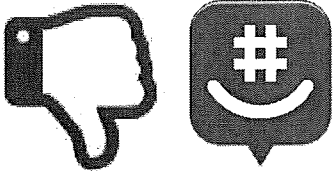
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- Jott Messenger
- Omegle
- Ask.fm

### **How to find all hidden apps on an iPhone**

- On your child's phone, open the App Store
- In the bottom right corner, click Updates
- Select Purchased
- Click My Purchases
- This is where you can access and review every app your student has ever downloaded

### **How to find all hidden apps on an Android phone**

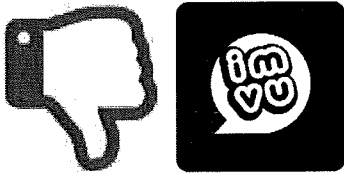
- On your child's phone, open the Google Play Store. Ensure you are on the homepage
- Select the 3 line icon next to the search bar
- Click on My Apps & Games
- Select the All tab
- This is where you can access and review every app your student has ever downloaded



GroupMe App (Owned by Microsoft) Age: 13+

GroupMe is a messaging app where users can send group or private messages from their computer or phone using WiFi. Since activity from the GroupMe app doesn't show up on their parents' phone bill, some students use the app to hide their messaging activity. The app has built-in features that allow users to search the web directly from the app. There is no way to moderate or filter that content.

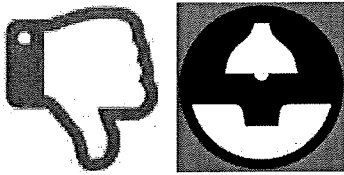
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IMVU App Age: 17+

IMVU is an app where users create custom avatars and use them to chat with strangers in random chats or 3D chat rooms. This app can be used by predators to try and get victims to share their phone number, send photos, and video chat off of the app. Content on IMVU is inappropriate for teens and avatars can be used to simulate explicit activities.

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Gather App Age: 13+

The Gather app is an event planning app that makes it easy for users to create and share real life events. Invitations can be sent to anyone in a user's phone contacts, even if they don't have the app. The app uses a method of spamming that creates false credibility since users think their friends are suggesting they use the app.

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tbh App (Owned by Facebook) Age: 12+

TBH stands for "to be honest", and the tbh app is a social networking platform where users anonymously answer questions/polls about their classmates. Even though the questions/polls are approved by the developers, tbh can still promote bullying and make it easier for students to become a target.

## **Bad apps your student should never use**

- **AfterSchool App**
- **Ask.fm**
- **The Blue Whale Challenge**
- **Bumble App**
- **BurnBook App**
- **Calculator% Private Photo App**
- **Finstagram App**
- **Gather App**
- **IMVU App**
- **Jott Messenger App**
- **Kik Messenger App (Based in Canada)**
- **Live.me App**
- **MyLOL App**
- **Ogle App**
- **Omegle App**
- **Phhphoto App**
- **Sarahah App**
- **Secret App**
- **Slingshot App**
- **StreetChat App**
- **Tango App**
- **Tinder App**
- **Tumblr App**
- **Voxer**
- **Wattpad**
- **WhatsGoodly App**
- **Whisper App**
- **Wishbone App**
- **Yellow App**
- **YouNow App**