



How can you protect your children?

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Do you feel left out
when it comes to the
latest Apps that your
children are using?

Are your children using these?



Did you know . . . ?

Roblox

Website review by [Erin Brereton](#), Common Sense Media



Common Sense says



age 10+



Game creator nurtures skills, but games can be violent.

<http://www.roblox.com>



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Parents say

age 11+



Based on [753 reviews](#)

Kids say

age 10+



Based on [1483 reviews](#)

Potential Risks:

- Chat function – Might allow strangers to contact your child
- There are over 30 million users so you will have no idea who your child is talking to.
- Children are encouraged to make purchases in the game with real money. Kids can purchase Robux for cash which are then spent on equipment and outfits in the games.

Did you know . . . ?

Fortnite: Battle Royale

App review by [Chris Morris](#), Common Sense Media



Common Sense says



age 13+



Popular shooter has lots of violence, hits mobile bulls-eye.

iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad | Free | Action Games

Parents say

age 10+



Based on [40 reviews](#)

Kids say

age 10+



Based on [81 reviews](#)

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Potential Risks:

- Chat function – Might allow strangers to contact your child
- Frequent scenes of violence
- Considerable in-app purchases

Did you know . . . ?

Minecraft

Game review by [David Chapman](#), Common Sense Media



Common Sense says



age 8+



Sandbox-style game with open online play fosters creativity.

Linux, Mac, Nintendo Switch, Nintendo Wii U, PlayStation 3, PlayStation 4, PlayStation Vita, Windows, Xbox 360, Xbox One 2011

Parents say

age 9+



Based on [220 reviews](#)

Kids say

age 7+



Based on [941 reviews](#)

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Potential Risks:

- Minecraft has no central parental or privacy settings
- Chat function – Might allow strangers to contact your child
- Minecraft community is extremely active outside of the game, many players use YouTube to discuss their projects.

Did you know . . . ?

TikTok - Real Short Videos

App review by [Patricia Montic...](#), Common Sense Media



Common Sense says



age 16+



Sing, lip-synch, and share videos; watch for iffy content.

iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android | Free | Social Networking



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Parents say

age 15+



Based on [124 reviews](#)

Kids say

age 12+



Based on [209 reviews](#)

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Potential Risks:

- Social network app is from the creators of Musical.ly
- Seeing inappropriate content
- Predators seeking to connect with children
- Children may be tempted to take risks to get more of a following or likes on a video

Did you know . . . ?

Crossy Road - Endless Arcade Hopper

App review by [Paul Semel](#), Common Sense Media



Common Sense says



Fun, familiar formula; gameplay can jump into purchases.

iPhone, iPod Touch, iPad, Android, Kindle Fire | Free | Arcade Games

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Parents say

age 8+



Based on [1 review](#)

Kids say

age 5+



Based on [13 reviews](#)




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Potential Risks:

- In app purchases of up to 90 characters
- It's possible to share "fail" pictures (your character getting killed) or video of gameplay via [Twitter](#) or email, though it's not required to play

Did you know . . . ?

YouTube
Website review by [Conny Coon](#), Common Sense Media

 **Common Sense says**
 **age 13+** ★★★★★ 
Vast video site entertains, educates; iffy stuff abounds.
<http://www.youtube.com/>

Parents say age 12+ ★★★★★ Based on 267 reviews	Kids say age 11+ ★★★★★ Based on 1126 reviews
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Potential Risks:

- May not be age-appropriate for your child
- Plenty of inappropriate content can surface by typing in the most innocent of search terms
- Comments below video often contain inappropriate language

There are positives as well . . .



Online games
can enhance
teamwork
and creativity



Add to the
child's store
of knowledge



Households with
computers
perform better
academically



Improve both
visual
intelligence and
hand-eye
coordination

But technology can affect children's development...



Screen-based entertainment increases central nervous system arousal



Sleep cycles are affected by blue light from screens



Millennials are more forgetful than OAP's



One study found that the more distracted you are the less able you are to experience empathy

Risk is not harm. Positive action can limit risks becoming harmful



If using a smartphone, check content lock is set



If using social networks, check privacy settings



Set parental controls on your home broadband



Be engaged

Talk to your child about what they like to do online and what they know about how to stay safe



Control app downloads and purchases



Know how to report

Make sure your child knows how to report cyberbullying if it happens to them or someone else

Keep informed



Provides independent reviews, age ratings, & other information about all types of media.



Portal designed for parents to access simple, easy and practical advice about online safety for their children, right through from pre-school to teens.



Check out our 'Internet Safety' section of our website for help and advice. Also, look out for our newsletters.



CEOP is there to keep children safe from sexual abuse and grooming online.

They help and give you advice, and you can make a report directly to them if something has happened online which has made you feel unsafe, scared or worried. This might be from someone you know in real life, or someone you have only ever met online. They take all reports seriously and will do everything they can to keep you safe.

*Keep Your Children
Safe!*

