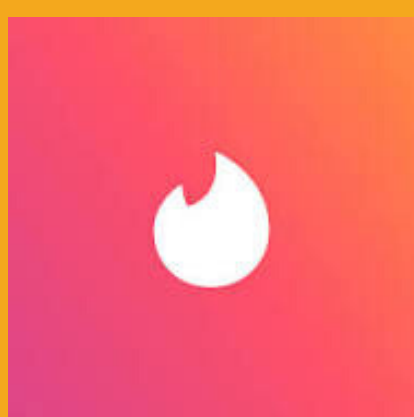


5 Teen "Hookup" Apps

PARENTS SHOULD KNOW!



TINDER

Swipe right to "like," left to "pass," and if someone who you "like" swipes "like" for your photo, then PRESTO... you've got yourself a match. Yep, teens have discovered Tinder, the popular dating app (it even prompts users to enter a school name!). Tinder is designed to make meeting (and hooking up) a breeze. Beware.

KIK

This free instant messaging app lets users share messages, images, videos, and more. Though not technically a "hook-up" app, Kik is widely known as a place for teens to connect. It even offers a group search feature that makes it easy to find and connect with people who share similar interests.



HOT OR NOT

This app lets users rate the attractiveness ("hot or not"?) of others, based upon photos submitted, by tapping on either a heart or an X to rank them. Users can find out what others think of them too. Although the app claims it will not accept the profiles of anyone under 13, like most apps, there is no age verification.

YUBO (FORMERLY "YELLOW")

Yubo shows users pictures of other users and, yes, lets them swipe left if they want to be friends, and right if they want to pass. In other words, it resembles a dating app and some teens use it as such. The app markets itself as a way to chat and livestream with "new" friends. Restricted to teenagers between 13 and 17, it's easy to register with a cellphone.



MEETME

"Meet, chat, and have fun with new people," claims this app's tagline. This one is focused on helping teens create new friendships (read "strangers"). Affiliated with Skout, MeetMe offers a "quick" feature that allows users to meet face-to-face "right now." Chat, video chat, and email are all offered through the app.

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