

# Social Media Information

Apps Guide and Settings to  
Consider for Safety

# Instagram

*Instagram*



- Description: Photo and video sharing social network
- Concerns: Oversharing of personal information, all of which is open to public view unless account is made private
- GPS attaches to photos
- Easy way for strangers to meet and connect with children
- Sexting, Cyber-bullying, “Hot or Not” rating system used on pictures
- Age: Must be 13

# Twitter



- Description: 140 character “tweets” messaging and pic sharing service
- Concerns: Cyber-bullying, inappropriate pictures and links to videos
- Most kids strive for high follower count by known and unknown users
- Age: Must be 13

# Kik



- Description: Instant messaging app that exchange videos, pictures, sketches, YouTube videos
- Concerns: App is often used for sexting (“Kik Buddy”)
- No parental controls or authentication of users (easy way for sexual predators to interact with minors)
- Age: Need parent permission for ages 13-18 to create account, carries a 17+ rating

# Snapchat



- Description: users send photos and videos and determine how long the receiver can view until the image “deconstructs”
- Concerns: #1 app used for sexting because people *believe* their pictures will be gone for good
- Live face to face chat option available
- Age: Must be over 13

Ask.fm



- Description: One of the most popular social sites used almost exclusively by kids and allows Q&A of anonymous questions
- Concern: Cyber-bullying and inappropriate content
- Age: Must be 13

# YikYak



- Description: Users anonymously post 200 character text “yaks” which are viewed by the 500 closest Yakkers in a 10 mile radius to who wrote it, via GPS
- Concerns: Users are exposed to and post sexually explicit content, inappropriate language and personal attacks and Cyber-bullying
- Kids easily start revealing personal info as they get more comfortable with users
- Age: Must be 17

# Secret Folder Icon



- Description: App allows you to protect photos and videos in a secure place with a passcode
- Camouflaged home screen as black icon (move app to a folder where no one can see it)
- Panic warp system, instantly switches to another app using motion gesture flick, shake or facedown
- Anti Intruder System any access attempt is recorded by the front camera
- Self-destruction, 5 chances to enter passcode. After that the app will erase all data in the app
- Concerns: Reviewer states: I love this app I can hide all my pics from my parents because every night my parents want me and my sis to give us our phones to them and look through my pics but not any more thanks to this app



# Hide Calculator Lite



- Description: Best app to hide files
- What every one sees is just an ordinary calculator but after you end the password, you can get access to your secret files - movies

# Resources for Setting Restrictions

Click on the links below to learn how to set restrictions for different devices.

- [How to set restrictions on Apple devices](#)
- [Parental controls for Android](#)
- [How to prevent purchases on your Apple device](#)
- [Use parental controls in iTunes](#)

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- [How to set up parental controls on a Fire Tablet](#)
- [How to set up parental controls on Windows](#)
- [How to set YouTube safety mode](#)

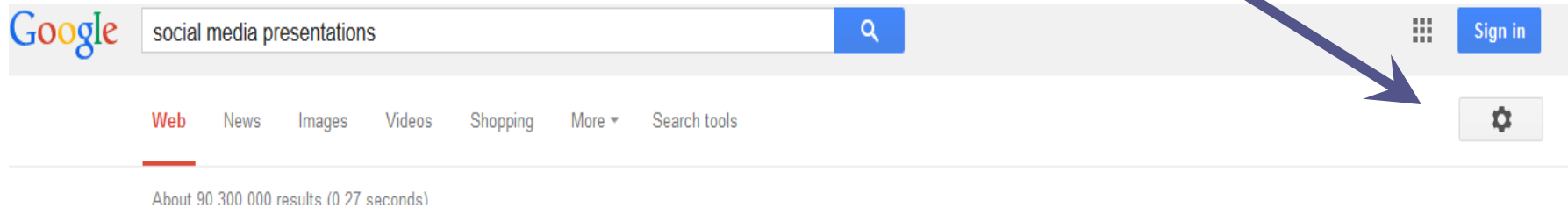
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- [How to set up parental controls on PS3](#)
- [How to set up parental controls on PS4](#)
- [How to set parental controls on Xbox One](#)
- [How to set DSi restrictions](#)

# Setting up Safe Search and Disabling Instant Predictions on Google

- Go to the Google website and click on the gear



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- Turn on the SafeSearch and never show instant results

## Search Settings

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### Search results

Languages

Location

Help

### SafeSearch filters

Turn on [SafeSearch](#) to filter sexually explicit content from your search results.

Filter explicit results. [Lock SafeSearch](#)

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### Google Instant predictions

When should we show you [results as you type](#)?

- Only when my computer is fast enough.  
Instant is currently on for web search. Manually change it below.
  - Always show Instant results.
  - Never show Instant results.
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### Results per page

# Resources



Sites contains helpful information for parents on technology as well as ratings for movies, video games, TV shows, books, apps, websites and music

[commonsensemedia.org](http://commonsensemedia.org)

[parentfurther.com](http://parentfurther.com)