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CapCut

CapCut is an app for editing photos and videos. It is for people aged 13 and over.

What can children do on CapCut?

- Edit photos and videos.
- Add music.
- Add stickers and words.

What should I know?

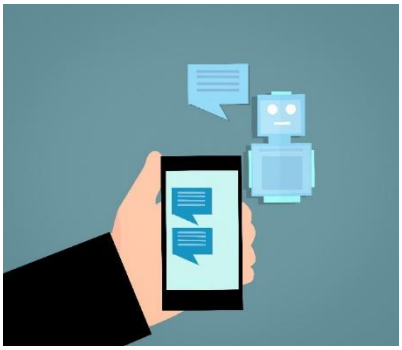
- Some videos may not be suitable for children.
- Some songs contain bad language.
- The app may ask users to pay for extra features.

What can I do?

- Check the age rating.
- Use parental controls.
- Talk to your child about what they do online.

Further information:
https://www.waynedenner.com/capcut-parents-guide/

AI companions



AI companions are computer chatbots that talk like a real person. Some are made to act like a friend. Many of these apps are for adults only.

Why do children use them?

- To ask questions.
- Because they feel lonely.
- Because they are curious about new technology.

What should parents know?

- Some apps are not suitable for children.
- Children may see upsetting or adult content.
- Children should not share personal information.
- A chatbot should never replace a trusted adult.

What can you do?

- Check age ratings.
- Use parental controls.
- Talk regularly about what your child is doing online.
- Remind your child to come to you if something worries them.

Further information

https://www.internetmatters.org/resources/ai-chatbots-and-virtual-friends-how-parents-can-keep-children-safe/

Discord

Discord is an app that lets people chat online. It was first made for gamers, but many people use it now. The minimum age is 13.

What can people do on Discord?

- Send messages.
- Share pictures and files.
- Join group chats.
- Make voice and video calls.

What should parents know?

- Children may chat with people they do not know.
- Adult content and bad language can be found on Discord.
- Video and voice calls cannot always be filtered.

What can you do?

- Check the safety settings.
- Help your child learn how to block people.
- Talk to your child about who they speak to online.
- Encourage them to tell you if something makes them uncomfortable

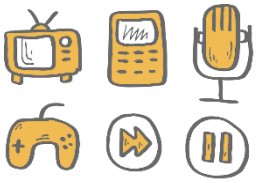
How can I make it safer?

https://discord.com/safety-family-center

https://discord.com/safety-library

5 fun online activities

The internet can be a fun place to learn and spend time together. Why not try:



- Playing a game together.
- Taking a family quiz.
- Learning something new online.
- Making a digital drawing or video.
- Listening to an audiobook.

Doki Doki Literature Club

This game looks bright and child-friendly, but it is not suitable for children.

Parents should know:

- The game contains upsetting themes.
- It includes references to self-harm, death and suicide.
- The game is rated 18+.

What can you do?

- Check what games your child is playing.
- Use parental controls on devices and games.

Happy Tree Friends

Happy Tree Friends is a cartoon series. It may look suitable for children, but it is not.

Parents should know:

- It contains violence.
- It contains blood and death.
- Clips can be found on social media.

What can you do?

- Use parental controls.
- Talk to your child about what they watch online.
- Encourage them to tell you if they see something upsetting.

Further information:

https://www.commonsensemedia.org/website-reviews/happy-tree-friends

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