



DISCORD

**AN EASY WAY COMMUNICATE WITH FRIENDS
AND ONLINE COMMUNITIES USING TEXT, VIDEO
& VOICE**

WHAT IS DISCORD?

Discord is a free app, that allows users who are 13+ engage in conversations with others from online communities to discuss topics of interest, gaming communities, Web3, etc. Discord can be organized into closed/private groups, also known as “servers”, these groups typically consist of like minded individuals with a similar interest, where users can come together and communicate in real-time (Cripps, 2020)

INAPPROPRIATE CONTENT

While Discord provides private groups, this allows users to share explicit images, inappropriate content, etc. easily between users. While servers are required to put an age restriction to share content, this can be worked around since Discord does not verify the age of each user itself upon signing up for the app (Cripps, 2020).

STRANGER DANGER

Due to Discord not verifying ages upon signing up, this allows users to easily lie about their ages. Allowing them to enter certain servers that may not be appropriate for their biological age. Due to this, online predators have been known to abuse the platform, making it their playground & starting the process of online grooming (Cripps, 2020)

CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Like other apps, Discord has Terms of Service. Unfortunately some users do not abide by these terms, resulting in an uptick in harassmen, hate speech, exploitive content, doxing, violent material, and grooming.

As of 2020, Discord received 27,000 reports of illegal activity on this platform (Cripps, 2020)

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