



WHISPER

"Express yourself honestly, discover the real world around you & be... Anonymous"

WHAT PARENTS & GUARDIANS NEED TO KNOW

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WHAT IS WHISPER?

Whisper attracts "young adults" and "teens" by allowing them to have a sense of anonymity. Whisper allows users to create a pin to access the app, making supervision from parents/guardians more difficult to access.

Whisper's platform has attracted users from other social media platforms such as Snapchat & Twitter.

While having a sense of anonymity maybe freeing, this may also be putting users at risk by revealing their darkest secrets. Opening the doors to many dangerous problems for the user, and the users family (CyberSafetyCop,2022).

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WHY IS WHISPER DANGEROUS?

This platform allows users to remain completely anonymous while utilizing their free service. There are no followers, friends or profiles. HOWEVER, it does show location & allows users to add their home schools, groups etc. There is no search function for users to search for others. Users are able to chat with others through a "Whisper" function, this however makes it more difficult for users to remain anonymous, while also allowing their most intimate details be put into the open (CyberSafetyCop,2022).

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STRANGER DANGER

While remaining anonymous may have its perks, this also opens the door for online predators to approach users that may appear "needy" or "lonely". The Washington Post reported in 2020, "A massive user data exposure was discovered by independent researchers which allowed anyone to access location data & other information tied to "whispers" posted on the app, this has claimed hundreds of millions of users" (CyberSafetyCop,2022)(Harwell,2020).

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VICTIMIZATION WITHIN THE APP

"Whisper is known for "trolling" users, since its major comeback in 2020 the ability to message other users has increased the vulnerability of users, regardless of age.

Adults have been known to "prey" or "groom" users to solicit minors for inappropriate pictures. Once the location is then found, due to the location being exposed at times within the messaging feature of the app, many of these predators either show up unexpectedly, or lure them to a meeting location.

This is becoming a more common occurrence throughout the world.

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PARENTAL CONTROLS AND MONITORING WITH "WHISPER"

"Whisper does not have parental controls, but does have a "Clean Language" option within the settings. This allows children and youth to be exposed to inappropriate content, language, exposure to online bullying, and cannot be filtered through conventional web filters, cannot be stopped by "Open DNS" and can be easily switched from "NSFW" (not safe for work) images or content showing up in the users feed.