

ABOUT GRINDR

Grindr is the largest geosocial networking and online dating application geared towards gay, bi and trans men. When you've created an account, you can add one photo and a small bio about yourself – though this is typically saved for sexual preferences rather than information on your hobbies or your interests. Grindr is often used for "hook-ups" rather than dating. The best way to stay safe on Grindr is to ask yourself these questions.

HERE ARE A FEW CONVERSATION STARTERS:

1. Why do you like being on Grindr?
2. How many matches do you have?
3. How many matches are you actively talking to?
4. How many matches have you given out personal information such as a Snapchat username, phone number or location to?
5. Have you ever received an uncomfortable message?
6. Would you want your boss to see the photos on your profile?
7. What does your bio say?
8. What are you looking for? Is that made clear on your profile?
9. What is the furthest distance you are looking for matches in?
10. How does getting a match make you feel?

About Grindr

18+

! PRIVACY

- This app is intended for 18+, not for children
- Collects and sells data
- Geographical messaging within 1-100 miles
- Offers picture exchange to virtual strangers

! SAFETY

- Allows direct messaging with matches
- Unable to be monitored
- False sense of security based upon meeting people in person

! CONTENT

- Dating/hook-up app catering to men led interactions
- Can create a possibly dangerous situation when interacting on this level with strangers
- Offers opportunities for exploitation, pornography, sexualization and objectification

RESET CHECKLIST

- _____ Log In Info
- _____ Password
- _____ Review Location Services
- _____ Review Photos
- _____ Number of Matches
- _____ Review Bio
- _____ Review Active Conversations
- _____ Review Messages
- _____ Check Linked Accounts

THERE'S NO WAY AROUND IT; ONLINE DATING IS WORK. AND SOME PEOPLE ARE MORE SKILLED AT THIS KIND OF COMMUNICATION THAN OTHERS.

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