



All About Tinder



18+

Available on: iPhone, iTouch, iPad, Android, PC, Mac

About the App

Tinder is a photo and messaging app used for dating purposes where you can browse photos of potential matches within a mile radius of your location. In this app, potential matches appear on the home screen and the user swipes right to 'like' or swipe left to 'pass'. As of 2016, Tinder indicated that it can only be used by users 18+ years of age.

Important Things to Note

Privacy	Safety	Content
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> When you use the app, you enter your name, age, location, and other information that you choose. There is potential for sharing too much information. You release the control over your privacy when posting photos with location indicators, such as a photo wearing apparel with school specific information. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The app has a reputation for a spot to find casual 'hookups', so it is not a safe place teens. Lying about your age to get onto the app can be dangerous when there are adults on the app looking for people over the age of 18. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The idea of 'liking' or 'swiping passed' people on based on their image turns the concept of dating into a game based on physical appearance. It is important to note that this concept may alter conceptions of worth based on an image or profile photo.



How do I talk to my child/student?

The best way to be informed about your child/student's Tinder account is to ask them questions.

Here are a few conversation starters:

- Is your child old enough to use the app?
- Do you chat with people?
- Have you given out information about yourself?
- Have you accepted money for Tinder exchanges?
- Do you know how to stay safe when talking to strangers on a dating app?
- Why do you want to use Tinder?



How to Review and Reset

We have created a checklist of some of the most important things you should review with your child/student's account.

Reset Checklist

- Change photos if any show too much information
- Un-match people that make you feel uncomfortable
- Refrain from giving Snapchat handles to continue conversations

