

Being IT and APP Aware- A Parents' Guide

Do you know what APPs your child accesses on their mobile or wifi device? Do you know what these applications do? What are the positives and the risks?

Net aware helps parents stay up to date on social media websites/apps and games. So if you don't know your ooVoo from you Tumblr and you think Tango is a dance...

It's time to log on: www.netaware.org

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Pokemon GO:

It's important to think about your child's safety when they are playing [Pokémon GO](#). Some of the risks to be aware of are:

- Meeting people they don't know face-to-face – the Raids feature makes this more likely
- Not being aware of their surroundings or area - it can be easy to lose track of where you're going when trying to find Pokémon
- In-app purchases – Pokémon Trainers get one Raid pass per day and must pay 79p per pass if they would like more
- Sharing personal information - Pokémon GO asks for personal information such as email address and a date of birth, which players are asked to manually enter or share through their social media accounts. This is so they can verify a child's age, or parental consent if under the age of 13

Snapchat:

Snapchat has just launched a new feature called the Snap Map which allows you to see your contacts on a map based on their location. Through the Snap Map, users can broadcast their exact location with everyone in their contact list.

The Snap Map can be found by pinching out from the main [Snapchat](#) camera screen.

It is important to be careful about who you share your location with. Hiding your location through Snapchat is easy:

- From the home screen: click on the settings (cog) icon > click on 'see my location' > click on Ghost Mode
- From the Snap Map: click on the settings (cog) icon in the top right of the map > click on Ghost Mode

Sarahah:

Sarahah is a website and app for Android and iPhone, where you can send completely anonymous comments and feedback to other users. It is becoming increasingly popular and is currently the top free app on the App Store and is listed on Google Play as having over 500,000 downloads (as of July 2017).

See www.netaware.org about ideas for keeping safe.