

DO YOU REALLY KNOW TIKTOK?



TikTok (formerly Music.ly) is a social media app for creating and sharing short videos. You can create and share short lip-sync, comedy and talent videos of 3 to 15 seconds. You can also create short looping videos up to 60 seconds long.

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

- The age recommendation for TikTok is 13-year-old.
- TikTok's **Default settings** are set to **public**, meaning any other user can see content posted to a users profile and make contact/message that user.
- TikTok users **sign up with a phone number**, an **email address**, or a third-party account such as **Facebook and Instagram**.
- TikTok **videos can be accessed on YouTube**



WHAT'S THE CONCERN?

Across so many of the shared videos the outfits, provocative poses, promiscuous dance moves, sexual connotations, drug references and crude language is the unfortunate reality for much of the content within TikTok. **The concern here lies in how freely this type of content can be found.** There has also been reported cases of users sharing more concerning content linked to self-harm, cutting, violence and pornography.

HOW CAN I MAKE IT SAFER?

The first step in creating a safer space for young users to always set accounts private. To do this, navigate to the profile page and select the ellipses (...) in the top right-hand corner to then select click on '**Privacy and Safety**'. Here you have several settings that can then be specifically managed to better protect the user's safety and wellbeing when using TikTok.

BE ACTIVE, DO YOUR RESEARCH!

If your child has TikTok, so should you! Or at least, you should have access to their account. As parents/caregivers, be sure to actively **explore the content** in the **Discover** section of TikTok so you can see for yourself what your children will see. Talk to your child about what to do if they see something that is inappropriate.

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