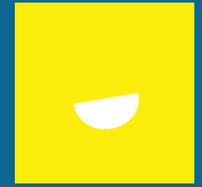




Safeguarding for Yubo



What is it?

A **video live-streaming** app for finding new friends. Users swipe right on someone else's profile to 'like' them, and swipe left to move on to the next profile.

Age restriction:

13 and over, and under 17s are asked to confirm they have the permission of a parent or guardian, but there is no age verification.

Great for:

- It's free, easy to use and allows young people to **connect with others** around the world with shared interests and form connections.
- Users can **instant message** friends on a one to one basis or within a group, and live stream to a group of friends.
- Users can also **live stream in real time** through the app and add viewers as new friends

How can you make it safer?

- **Talk** about the importance of not oversharing personal details publicly or with people you don't know in person.
- Click the **flag button** in the top left corner of a profile to report any inappropriate photos or profiles.
- Keep user location private by clicking on **'Hide my city'**.
- Users cannot be blocked but the app has recently added a feature **auto-blocking nudity** and some inappropriate comments.

Risks:

- **Strangers can view** live streams and interact via live text chat. These are not restricted to friends alone.
- Users are **encouraged to add strangers** as friends.
- Once a new friend is added, they can **gain access to a user's Snapchat and Instagram** accounts.
- The app is often referred to as a **"Tinder for teens"**
- It is very **difficult to verify** the identity of a Yubo user, causing many fake profiles to exist.
- The app is **not monitored** or moderated.