

GAMES & SOCIAL MEDIA



GAMING – MOST POPULAR AMONGST LES LANDES PUPILS

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ROBLOX

12+

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GAMING – IS ROBLOX SAFE?



There are over
40million
games!



13th March 2025

- Security concerns over one of the most popular in the world
- CEO David Baszucki says he remains confident in Roblox's safety tools and insists the firm goes above and beyond to keep its users safe.
- BBC has discovered below games were recommended by the platform to an 11-year-old recently:
 - 'Late Night Boys And Girls Club RP'
 - 'Special Forces Simulator'
 - 'Squid Game'
 - 'Shoot down planes...because why not?'

Keep kids off Roblox if you're worried, its CEO tells parents



GAMING – IS ROBLOX SAFE? HINDENBURG RESEARCH

- Since September 2nd, 2024, third-party monitor 'Moderation For Dummies' has reported ~12,400 erotic roleplay accounts on Roblox. These include everything from “rape/forceful sex fetishes” to underage users “willing to do anything for Robux”.
- Media and non-profit exposés from 2020 to July 2024 revealed digital strip clubs, red light districts, sex parties and child predators lurking on Roblox. The National Center on Sexual Exploitation in 2024 labeled Roblox “a tool for sexual predators, a threat for children's safety”.
- “We listed our age as “under 13” to see if children are being exposed to adult content. By merely plugging ‘adult’ into the Roblox search bar, we found a group called “Adult Studios” with 3,334 members openly trading child pornography and soliciting sexual acts from minors.”
- “Palestine And Israel Hangout” allows kids of all ages to purchase bombs and knives and attack each other. This game has ~13 million visits and ~7,200 favorites and remains on the platform.

GAMING – IS ROBLOX SAFE?

Examples of games in Roblox available to an 8-year-old

21:14 68%

peppa

Top Experiences People

Survival Daddy Pig The Killer
89% 206

Have Fun With The Family Pig
65% 69


PIGGY BUT IT'S OLD
70% 102

PIGGY [DECAY INFECTION MODE]
89% 14.3K

Peppa Pig House
43% 79

Survival Peppa Pig the Killer
84% 178

gang up on people simulator
laughablehaha



Rating	Active	Visits	Maturity
66%	403	147M	Mild


Description

made this for fun enjoy! this isn't serious at all and you can dance, fight, roleplay, and mess around.

Collect cash on the ground for cool power ups like cars, planes, guns, knives, and much more!

Press R to ragdoll and you will always spawn with stomp, slap, and kick tools. You can carry people who have been ragdolled while holding the slap tool and clicking.

REALLY SCARY GAME [DO NOT PLAY]
ropeccool



Rating	Active	Visits	Maturity
41%	2	6.2M	Minimal


Description

DONT PLAY THIS GAME IT IS TOO SCARY!!!

41%
8.9K VOTES

Content Maturity Minimal →

Granny
Promidius Games



Rating	Active	Visits	Maturity
85%	1.2K	550M	Mild

Description

Granny locked you in her house! Escape with other players and avoid danger.

Update log [03/10/2025]:
-fixed all the animation priorities issues, ensuring that they overlap and blend seamlessly
-fixed some bugs in Grandpa's aim, shoot, and reload animations

85%
132K VOTES

GAMING – FORTNITE

A collection of games for kids and teens. Battle Royale, LEGO, Rocket Racing, Fortnite Festival, and 500+ user-made game modes. "Fortnite" is much more than ONE game.

App Risks

Content and feature risks in the app.

Sex, Nudity Risk

Medium

Privacy Risk

Low

Violence, Scariness Risk

Medium

Predator Risk

High

Language Risk

High

Parental Controls

Parental controls available.



Main risks involved in the use of Fortnite

- Spending your money on V-bucks
- Spending too much time in front of the screen
- Interacting with random strangers online
- Playing Fortnite when you're too young
- Going off-platform

There are more than 200million accounts



GAMING – MINECRAFT

One of the most popular games of the past decade. Minecraft allows for unending creativity, but there are risks with its multiplayer features.

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Parental controls available.



Main risks involved in the use of Minecraft

- Inappropriate language in chat features
- Private messages (known as Whispers)
- Access to inappropriate servers

 **The average player is a 24-year-old male**



GAMING – FIFA/FC

FIFA is one of the most popular video games series for those interested in playing football virtually.



“It’s in the game!”



Main risks involved in the use of FIFA/FC

- Inappropriate language - Chat feature
 - Potential grooming (extreme cases)
- Money spent on game enhancements

Originally
released in 1993



GAME AGE RATINGS - PEGI

PEGI stands for Pan-European Game Information and is the video game content rating system used across the UK, Europe and the Middle East.

- PEGI 3 – suitable for all ages
- PEGI 7 – suitable for young children
- PEGI 12 – suitable for children 12 and over
- PEGI 16 – suitable for children 16 and over
- PEGI 18 – Only suitable for adults



Each PEGI rating also contains content warnings to help you make an informed decision.

GAME AGE RATINGS – APPLE APPSTORE

The Apple App Store has 4 main categories when it comes to rating apps. Users cannot purchase apps that don't have ratings.

4+: Contains no objectionable material.

9+: May contain content unsuitable for children under the age of 9.

12+: May contain content unsuitable for children under the age of 12.

17+: May contain content unsuitable for children under the age of 17.

Children cannot purchase these apps.

These ratings are generally global though not all apps are accessible in all countries.



4+	Applications in this category contain no objectionable material
9+	Applications in this category may contain mild or infrequent occurrences of cartoon, fantasy or realistic violence, and infrequent or mild mature, suggestive, or horror-themed content which may not be suitable for children under the age of 9.
12+	Applications in this category may also contain infrequent mild language, frequent or intense cartoon, fantasy or realistic violence, and mild or infrequent mature or suggestive themes, and simulated gambling which may not be suitable for children under the age of 12.
17+	Applications in this category may also contain frequent and intense offensive language; frequent and intense cartoon, fantasy or realistic violence; and frequent and intense mature, horror, and suggestive themes; plus sexual content, nudity, alcohol, tobacco, and drugs which may not be suitable for children under the age of 17.

GAME AGE RATINGS – GOOGLE PLAY

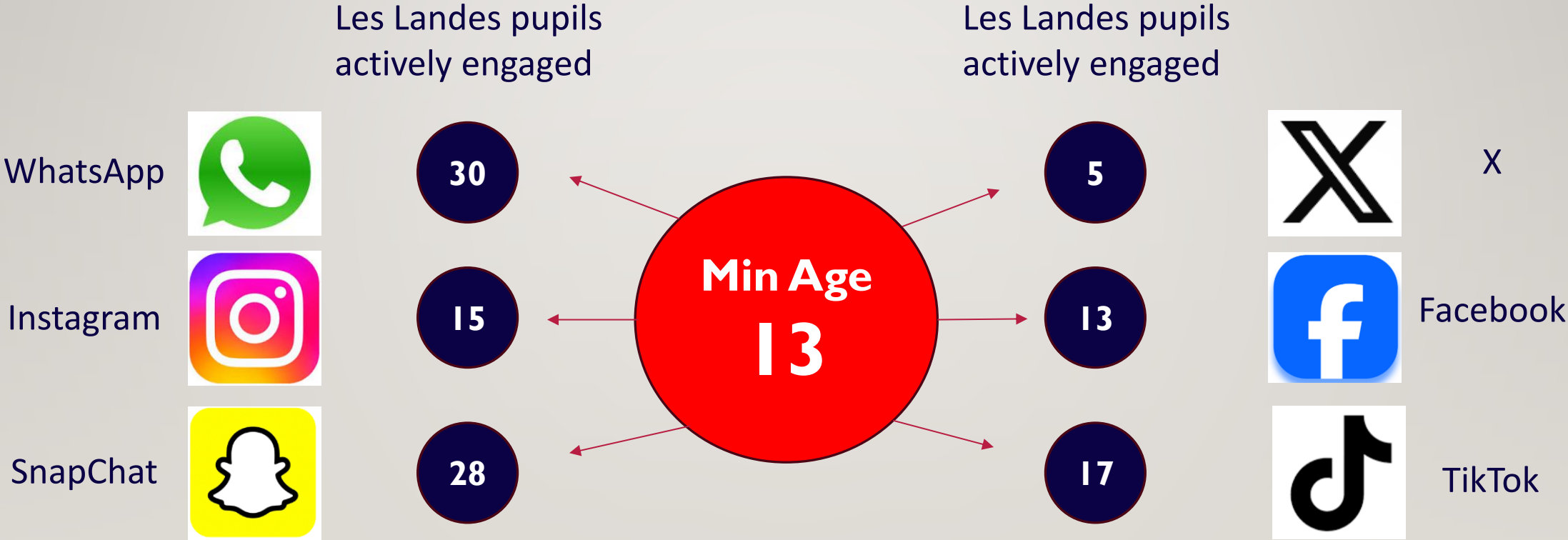
Google displays age-based ratings on all apps in the Play Store as determined by the International Age Rating Coalition (IARC).

This means you will see PEGI ratings in the UK and ESRB ratings in Canada.



ESRB (USA)	PEGI (EU)	RARS (Russia)	ACB (Australia)	USK (Germany)

SOCIAL MEDIA – USAGE

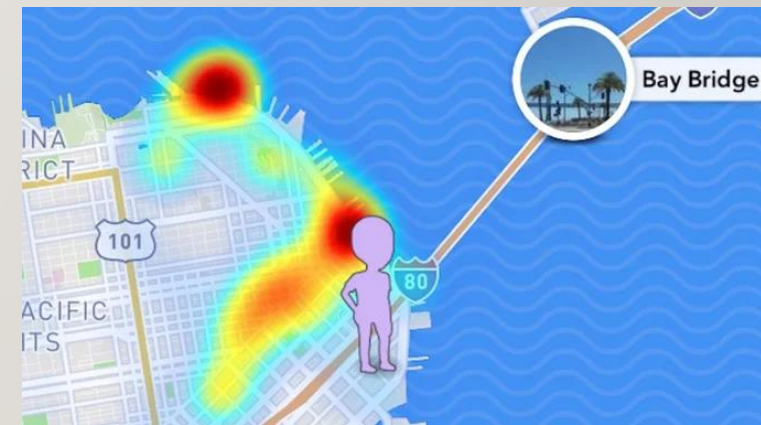


MESSAGING APPS - SNAPCHAT

As with most social media platforms, Snapchat's safety largely depends on how it is used.

Snapchat is intended for users who are over 13, but there's nothing stopping younger children from creating an account. The content they can access on Snapchat is often harmless, but it is unfiltered, and some interactions could encourage inappropriate behavior, like sexting or cyberbullying.

If you're concerned about your kids' safety on Snapchat, you should be especially wary of the Snap Map feature. Although it's fun for kids to see where their friends are and get more context for the Snaps they send, continuous location sharing is a huge risk for their online and offline security. It could lead to stalking, harassment, bullying, and physical threats.



MESSAGING APPS – SNAPCHAT – HOW SAFE IS IT?

Snapchat is encrypted, right? Only for Snaps (photos and videos that are shared). Messages and interactions in chats are not covered by end-to-end encryption.

- Snapchat's main premise is that all pictures and videos disappear after viewing. However, nothing we share online ever truly disappears. Anyone can take a screenshot of a Snap, and many third-party apps can save and download Snaps.

Other risks include;

- Privacy concerns: Snapchat's vanishing messages challenge monitoring.
- Cyberbullying: Disappearing content aids bullies; kids need defense strategies.
- Pressure to share: Kids may overshare due to challenges and Snapstreaks.
- Stranger danger: Unconfigured privacy settings and location sharing invite risks.



SNAPCHAT – SECURITY HELP

Snapchat has produced a safety checklist designed to aid parents and carers to ensure their teens' experiences are as safe as possible.

- Only connect with friends or family
- Carefully pick a username
- Sign up with a real age
- Double check location sharing
- Talk to a trusted adult
- Use in app reporting
- Think before sending
- Join snapchats family centre



Welcome to Family Center!

View Your Teen's Friends



Encourage your teen to only add people they know. Use Family Center to see who they're friends with.

See Who They've Messaged



Get a glimpse into who they've messaged in the last 7 days.

Restrict Sensitive Content



Limit your teen's ability to view sensitive content in Stories and Spotlight.

Report Abuse



Help your teen feel comfortable reporting safety concerns and confidentially report accounts that you think may have violated our rules.

MESSAGING APPS – WHATSAPP

WhatsApp poses certain risks for children, especially if left unsupervised.

- **Lack of parental controls:** WhatsApp doesn't have built-in parental controls, making it difficult for parents to monitor conversations or step in when needed. Some kids use WhatsApp precisely for this reason—knowing their parents are less likely to oversee it.
- **Inappropriate content:** Without chat filters, users can send any kind of media. Features like "View Once" messages allow photos or videos to be viewed only once before disappearing. This makes it nearly impossible to know, report or save evidence if your child is exposed to harmful content. Additionally, the "Disappearing messages" feature allows messages to be deleted automatically after 24 hours, 7 days, or 90 days. While parents can disable it, kids can easily turn it back on when unsupervised.



MESSAGING APPS – WHATSAPP SECURITY HELP

Parents can take proactive steps to ensure their child's WhatsApp account is as secure as possible. Here's how:

1. Set profile privacy
2. Disable live location sharing
3. Turn off "View Once" messages
4. Control disappearing messages
5. Block and report suspicious contacts:



See accompanying “How-to” for details on how to perform the above

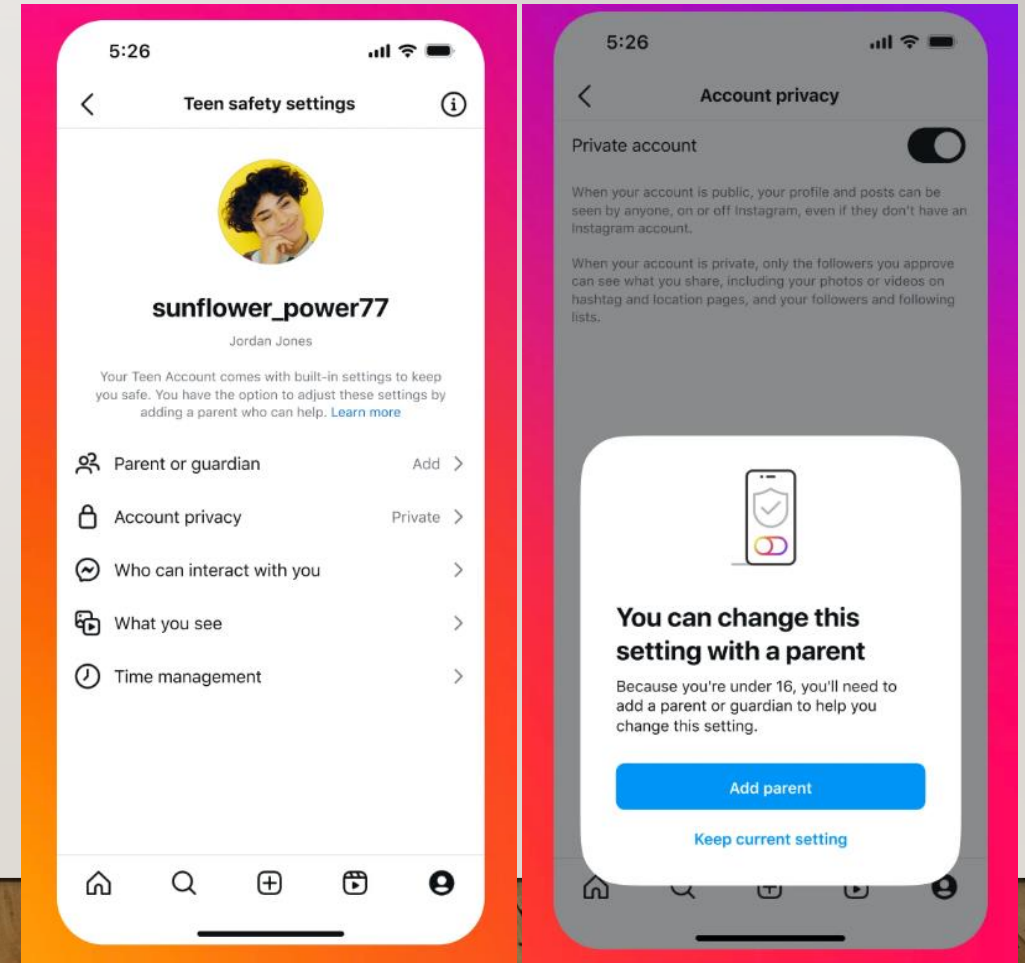
SOCIAL MEDIA – INSTAGRAM – TEEN ACCOUNTS



“Introducing Instagram Teen Accounts: Built-In Protections for Teens, Peace of Mind for Parents” - META Introduced – September 17, 2024

Security Features include;

- Private Accounts (Default)
- Messaging Restrictions
- Sensitive Content Restrictions
- Limited Interactions
- Time Limit Reminders
- Sleep Mode enabled



SOCIAL MEDIA – INSTAGRAM – TEEN ACCOUNTS



Private Accounts - With default private accounts, teens need to accept new followers and people who don't follow them can't see their content or interact with them. This applies to all teens under 16 (including those already on Instagram and those signing up) and teens under 18 when they sign up for the app.

Messaging Restrictions - Teens will be placed in the strictest messaging settings, so they can only be messaged by people they follow or are already connected to.

Sensitive Content Restrictions - Teens will automatically be placed into the most restrictive setting of our sensitive content control, which limits the type of sensitive content (such as content that shows people fighting or promotes cosmetic procedures) teens see in places like Explore and Reels.

SOCIAL MEDIA – TIKTOK NEWS



TikTok investigated over the use of children's data

The UK data watchdog has launched what it calls a "major investigation" into TikTok's use of children's personal information.

The Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) will inspect the way in which the social media platform uses the data of 13 to 17-year-olds to recommend further content to them.

John Edwards, the Information Commissioner, said it would look at whether TikTok's data collection practices could lead to children experiencing harms, such as data being leaked or spending "more time than is healthy" on the platform.



SOCIAL MEDIA – TIKTOK SECURITY HELP



Safeguards for all teen accounts (ages 13-17)

- Daily screen time is set by default to 60 minutes which helps young people to be intentional about the time they spend on TikTok.
- Accounts are private by default. This limits who can follow the account, view their videos, read their bio, and interact with their videos.
- Hosting LIVE content is not permitted. While teens can watch LIVE content, they can't host a LIVE.
- No financial transactions. Teens can't send or receive virtual gifts or buy or sell products on TikTok Shop.
- No push notifications at night. Push notifications are disabled from 9pm for teens 13-15, and from 10pm for teens 16-17.

SOCIAL MEDIA – TIKTOK SECURITY HELP



Family Pairing

Family Pairing lets parents and guardians link their TikTok account to their teen's account to enable a variety of content and privacy settings, including:

- Account privacy: Parents and guardians can set their teen's account to private or public.
- Restricted Mode: Parents and guardians can limit their teen's exposure to content that may not be suitable for them.
- Comments: Parents and guardians can restrict who can comment on their teen's videos.
- Direct messages: Parents and guardians can restrict who, if anyone, can send private messages to their teen's account if their teen is 16 years old or over.
- Screen time management: Parents and guardians can choose the amount of time their teens can be on TikTok each day and get insights into their time spent through a screen time dashboard.

SOCIAL MEDIA – YOUTUBE KIDS

YouTube Kids is a version of the YouTube platform that has been specifically designed for children. The platform is targeted towards children at a preschool age (4 and under), up to the age of 12.

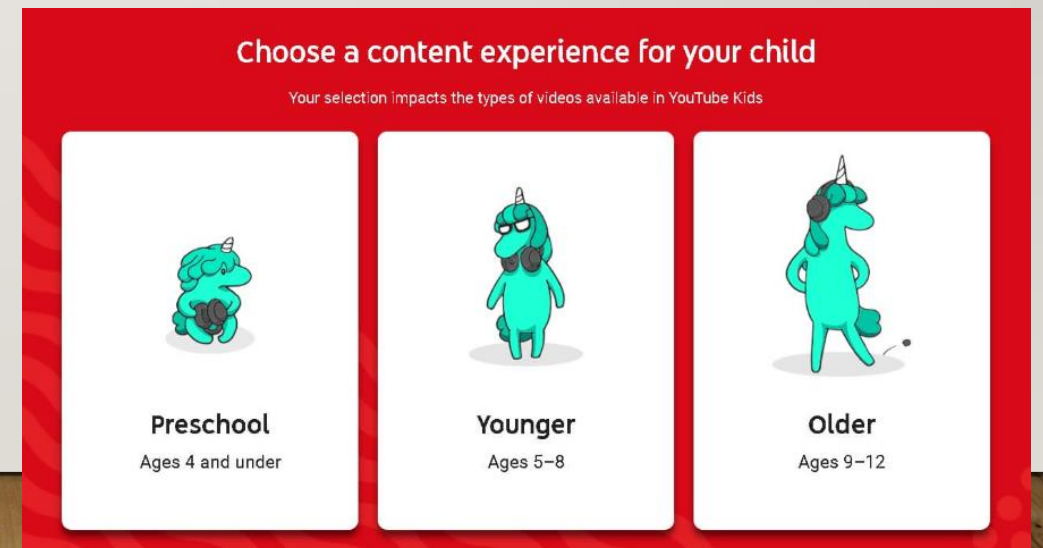
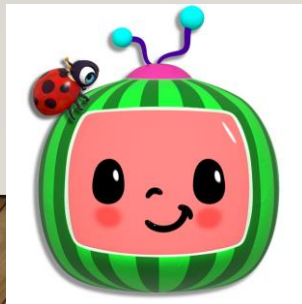


YouTube Kids allows you to create separate user profiles for each child using the platform. You can also choose individual age-based content settings for each profile:

Preschool (Ages 4 and under)

Younger (Ages 5–8)

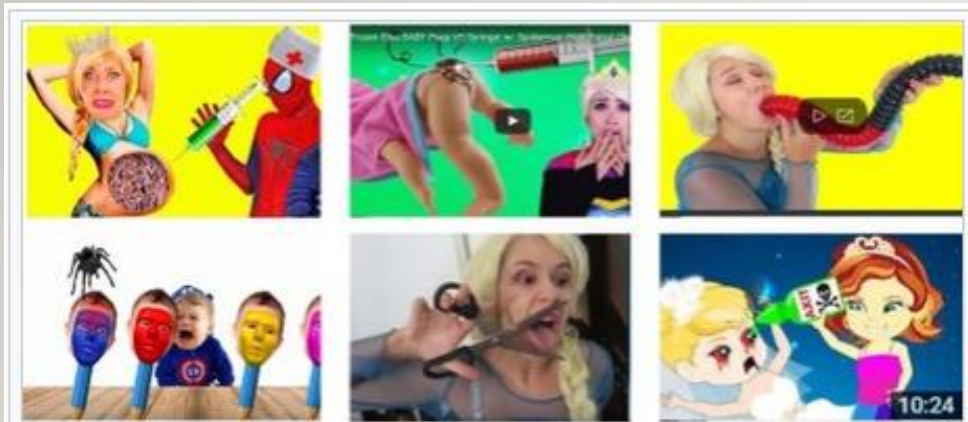
Older (Ages 9–12)



SOCIAL MEDIA – YOUTUBE



As much as 300 hours of video are uploaded to YouTube every minute!



Elsagate thumbnails often feature familiar children's characters doing inappropriate or disturbing things, shown directly or suggested. Examples include [injections](#), [mutilation](#), [childbirth](#), [urination](#), [fellatio](#), and [acid attacks](#).

YouTube Restricted Mode

YouTube's parental control function is known as "Restricted mode". When the restricted mode is enabled, it "uses signals such as video title, description, metadata, Community Guidelines reviews, and age-restrictions to identify and filter out potentially mature content."



ANY QUESTIONS?

