

Parent Tips - Rise of AI Porn on TikTok

On behalf of our cyber safety partner, Safe on Social, we are updating you on a particularly disturbing trend we've seen recently about the latest wave of AI-generated bots that are flooding social media platforms. As many of our students are active TikTok users we wanted parents to be aware of how lifelike these bots have become, and the dangers they pose to our children.

Safe on social recently showed a screen recording that looks like a teenager dancing in a very sexualised way on TikTok, however it was a completely fake young woman saying "hey boys follow me and click here". Within just two clicks this video sent an unsuspecting user to adult content. That's why it's crucial to heavily supervise what your kids are watching on TikTok. Please, if you come across these deceptive images and links, report them immediately.

Parents, if your kids use your phone to access TikTok, be extra cautious, especially if your device is connected to your workplace. Safe on Social have provided more TikTok safety tips below:

For Parents of Users Under 18:

1. Verify Age

Ensure your child has entered their correct date of birth when creating an account. New security features for users under 16 won't work if the age is incorrect. Correcting this is not easy, but it's vital for your child's safety.

2. Check for Updates

Stay informed about new security features. TikTok has introduced several features for users under 16, such as defaulting to private accounts and blocking direct messages.

3. Abide by Age Restrictions

TikTok recommends a minimum age of 13. Be aware of the content your child may encounter and supervise their usage. Facial recognition alone is not fool proof and as we mentioned above, it's getting harder and harder to see what is AI generated or not.

4. Use Family Pairing

If you have a TikTok account, consider using Family Pairing for added protection. It allows you to manage your child's digital well-being and privacy settings.

5. Discuss Privacy

Teach your child the importance of keeping personal information offline. Encourage them not to film content in school uniforms, avoid revealing personal details, and be cautious about sharing identifiable information.

6. Teach Blocking and Reporting

Show your child how to block and report any online bullies. Familiarise yourself with the process and be ready to assist if necessary.

Remember, TikTok can be a fun platform, but safety should always come first. Stay informed and engaged with your child's online activities to ensure a positive and secure experience. For more tips on TikTok and other cyber safety essentials please visit the [Safe on Social](#) website.