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### What do parents say about the app?

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By default, all accounts for over 18s are set to 'public' so anyone on the app can see what a child shares. Users can like or react to a video, follow an account or send messages to each other, so there is the risk that strangers will be able to directly contact children on the app. Children may also be tempted to do something inappropriate or take unsafe risks to increase their following or get more likes on a video.

### What is the minimum age for TikTok?

According to TikTok's terms and conditions, the minimum age is 13. Users can choose to sign up with an email address or phone number. They can also use an existing Google, Facebook, Twitter or Instagram account. Once they have selected an option, they are then asked to enter their date of birth. If it calculates that the person is below the age of 13, the app displays the following message: "Sorry, looks like you're not eligible for TikTok. But thanks for checking us out!" If a child already has a TikTok account but is under 13 then they must have lied about their age.

According to the TikTok *Terms of Service*, if they learn that someone under 13 is using their services, they will terminate that user's account. If a person finds inappropriate content that violates TikTok's Community Guidelines or have any other issues, they can send TikTok a report.

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