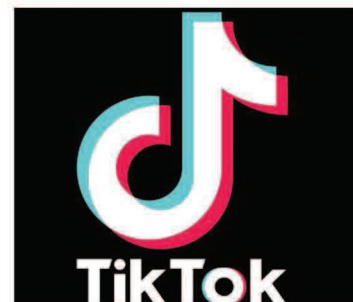


# Tik Tok Multi-Gaming Fact Sheet



**Tik Tok is a social networking app that lets you create, share and watch videos, once known as the very popular Music.ly app that was rebranded in 2018. Tik Tok is a popular app used by millions of users of all ages around the world. Similar in ways to YouTube, it allows users to create, share and critique videos created by themselves and friends and strangers all over the world. Kids love it because it has some very cool functions like filters, speed adjustments and duet functions to create a video with a friend.**

Tik Tok can be a lot of fun and with firm parental guidance advice and support, Tik Tok can be used responsibly and safely, but it is important to know it is not appropriate for tweens.

If you choose to let your older teen use TikTok, have fun with it together, it can be a lot of fun and is spending time on it together is a great way to have those important conversations about online safety and set your child up good habits for the future.

Ensure they use their actual age to open their accounts. Tik Tok will adjust account settings accordingly and provide a limited

experience that will allow them only to watch their own videos and share with friends. It prevents underage users to comment on videos, search or post videos. This also means that data can't be tracked as it would be for users over 13. Unfortunately, the down side to that is that the only details needed to open an account is the user's name and date of birth. This means that anyone can open an account pretending to be under 13 and interact with other users.

It's important to know that Tik Tok's default settings are public, meaning that anyone can see videos and content posted, so one of the first things you could do when helping your older teen set up their account would be to go through all settings and ensure they are safe.

Limit comments is very important feature in Privacy and Safety. Here you have the option to limit the ability to comment to friends or turn off the feature completely.

The Digital Wellbeing and Restrictions modes allow you to limit content and screen time with a passcode. This is important because unfortunately not all users are of the same age or appropriate

in their behaviour. You wouldn't have to look far to find swearing and sexual content found within the lyrics of songs used or the behaviour on the videos shared.

Tik Tok is also being engaged by users to create online challenge videos. Some of these are fun, but some are not appropriate or even dangerous.

Deleting an account requires two steps one of which includes providing a mobile number to the developer. Before signing up it is in your best interest to read the privacy policy and find out what your information is going to be used for.

It is difficult to protect children from seeing harmful content on Tik Tok so it is strongly recommended for older teens and even then, with parental guidance and supervision.

## Potential for

Adult content	★★★★
Violence	★
Cyberbullying	★★★★
Grooming	★★★★★
Inappropriate language	★★★★