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WISHBONE

wishbone

Age Rating in
the App Store:
13+

Age rating according to app provider

Wishbone is a survey application aimed mostly at teenagers. Although their terms and conditions say that the app is rated 17+ the app store says 12+. The user can connect to the application using Facebook or Twitter. Or alternatively they can skip the *'log on'* process.

Users are presented with two cards, and are then asked to choose a preference. Many of the cards that come up include inappropriate language language written in the comments. Wishbone users are also able to produce their own cards so that other users can select their preference.

Challenges

Users are able to write comments underneath other users cards. If the two users follow one another then they are able to send private direct messages to each other. Some of the users have been known to create cards which include pictures of people that they know for the other users to then rate them *'who's the prettiest, or hottest?'*.

When using Wishbone, the users are able to create a public profile and biography. If the user chooses to link their social media accounts to Wishbone, the app can then accumulate a large amount of the users personal and private information, and will be exposed to high volume advertising based on their information.

In 2017 Wishbone was hacked and millions of users had their personal information circulated online. There have also been many reports of cyberbullying within the app, especially when people's photos get used without their permission and rated.

How do you report?

You can report content that may be upsetting or inappropriate on the app by simply selecting the three dots on the top right side of the app and selecting report.

Blocking users

To block a user, navigate to the user's page and select the three dots on the top right side of the app and click *'Block user'*.

Help your child understand how to deal with different online risks that they may be exposed to on the app such as cyberbullying or inappropriate content.

Advise your child not to link the app to their other social account so it does not pull in personal information into their Wishbone account and draw information about their friends. Also, make sure they choose an anonymous username and a strong password to protect their content.

App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: **info@carlyryanfoundation.com**