



APP INSIGHTS

JANUARY 2020

SPECIAL DATES

28 Jan Data Privacy Day

11 Feb Safer Internet Day

17 Feb Random Acts of Kindness Day

20 Mar National Day of Action Against
Bullying and Violence



Txting



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4+



17+

Bullying

Anonymous

Stranger Danger

WHAT IS IT?

Txting is an app that allows young people to 'Chat with Strangers' anonymously.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

As with any 'Chat with Strangers' enabled apps (that 4 year olds can access) the most dangerous risk is **predators getting in contact with children**. Once these contacts are established, predators have often used blackmail and persuasion to get children to do the unthinkable.

Additionally, the 'Anonymous' feature of the app can lead to **bullying of vulnerable young people**.

Perimeter Guardian has reported this app to Apple, however there are many unchecked apps like it appearing regularly in the App Store and Google Play.

! PARENT TIPS

Apps and online gaming are two ways predators can get to children and young people, where they may use a false identity (masquerading as a young person) before using persuasive techniques and finally blackmail to

harness images, bank account details or personal information. Children and young people can become too scared or embarrassed to seek help. Talking to them regularly and reacting calmly may help your kids open up to you.