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GRINDR



Grindr is a geo-social networking and online dating application geared towards gay, bi, and trans and queer males. It runs on iOS and Android and is available for download from the Apple App Store and Google Play. Grindr comes in both free and subscription-based versions (Grindr XTRA).

Rather than the culture of dating and swiping promoted by Tinder, Grindr is traditionally more suited to sexual encounters and hook ups.

Grindr is a geo-located hook-up app for men to meet men, based on who's closest to them. When you've created an account, you can add one photo and a small bio about yourself – though this is typically saved for sexual preferences rather than information on your hobbies or your interests. Users are then listed in order of proximity on the interface where you may begin interacting.

Challenges:

- In-built camera function where users can send explicit photos to one another
- Underage users logging in to explore their sexuality and producing self generated child abuse images
- Shares GPS radius (as little as 100m)
- Microtransaction
- Bodyshaming
- Rejection
- Racism

Privacy Settings:

Grindr does not have a large amount of options when it comes to privacy. The most important one to take note of is *distance tracker*. An option that displays how far away you are b

To hide your distance from your profile:

1. Tap 'Menu'
2. Tap 'Settings'
3. Tap 'Edit Profile'

This is where you'll find the option to turn of distance tracker.

How do I report another user on Grindr?

Reporting users in Grindr is a simple process.

1. Tap on the icon that appears at the upper right-hand corner of the user's profile.
2. Either tap 'Block' or 'Report'

Once reported you will get an option to tell the Grindr team what happened.

Like any app Grindr can be used safely and be potentially beneficial. Just be mindful of screen time and be aware of who you are connecting with. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

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