

Among Us!

Parent Guide — What you need to know about the app

Age rating

9+

What is Among Us?

Among Us is a **free multiplayer game** for smartphones and tablets. It is simple, quick and fun and has become one of the **most popular online titles of 2020**.

What happens in Among Us?

Each game features a **group of up to 10 players** – either ‘private’ (friends) or ‘public’ (with strangers).

Set on a spaceship or a planetary base, players are assigned randomly to be a crewmate or imposter. The task is to either identify or sabotage/kill your opposite numbers.

What should I know?

The game’s popularity largely revolves around its **unmoderated chat room**. Here, people can vote against each other as well as talk to – or gang up on – other players.

A ‘Censor chat’ option stops people typing in bad language but anyone can turn it off. The game also **features cartoon violence** that may be unsuitable for younger children.

What risks are there?

Players can **join public online games** at any time. In these, **you don’t know who you are talking to**. As with any online chat, there is a risk that a user might ask for – or share – personal details.

Among Us also has **in-app purchases** where users can spend money to decorate their characters.

What can I do?

If your child is using the game, it may be **safer for them to set up a private online game** and share the access code with friends.

You should talk to them about the **importance of protecting their personal information**, such as their name, address or other identifiable details.

You could also **discuss kind behaviour** – both with friends or strangers – and how picking on individuals or bullying can make others feel.

What else should I know?

Be aware that the game relies heavily on colour. This is **a challenge for colour-blind players**, particularly if competitors have not entered distinctive names.