A Review of Age Verification Mechanisms for 10 Social Media Apps

# Details

## Year

2020

## Scope

Multinational

## Countries

* United Kingdom
* Sweden
* Slovenia
* Netherlands
* Norway
* Luxembourg
* Lithuania
* Latvia
* Italy
* Ireland
* Hungary
* Germany
* France
* Denmark
* Croatia
* Belgium
* Austria

## Type

Systematic review / Meta-analysis

## Methodologies

Textual / documentary / content analysis

## Researched Groups

Other

## Other Researched Group

Experts on evaluation of apps (stakeholders)

## Funder

CybersafeIreland

## Funder Types

NGO (Advocacy, Charity, Consumer organization)

## Informed Consent

No consent needed

## Ethics

Ethical considerations not mentioned

# Goals

"This study presents an analysis of the age verification mechanisms in place for 10 popular
social media apps used by children: Snapchat, Instagram, TikTok, Viber, Skype, Facebook,
HouseParty, Discord, Messenger, WhatsApp. According to CyberSafeIreland, these are the
apps most used by younger children, including underage children, i.e. below the age of 13
which is defined as the minimum age for use of such services (16 years in the case of
WhatsApp)"