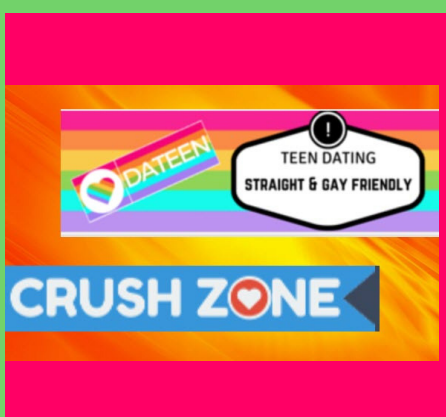




# TEEN HOOKUP SITES PARENTS SHOULD KNOW



## DATEEN & CRUSHZONE

Caution! These two free sites, **Dateen.net** and **Crush.zone**, support each other with similar templates and the same Terms of Service. Dateen's claim to fame is it is the first teen dating site that is "straight & gay friendly;" Crushzone is avail in several countries & languages. You must be between 13-21 years old to use it--AND anyone over 21 is forbidden to register! Once registered, some or all of a user's info (such as email, age, general interests, etc.) may be used by 3rd parties. Rife with ads and inappropriate sexual undertones, these are not sites your child or teen should be visiting!



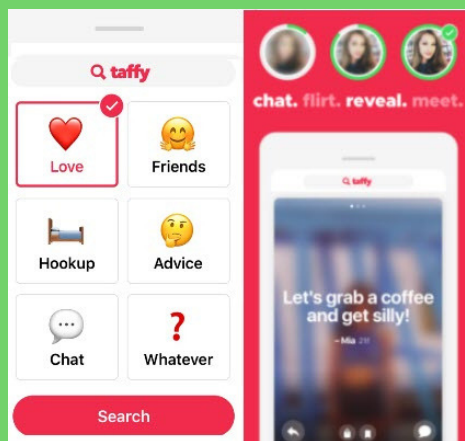
## KIK

"New shoes, teen drama, and selfie after selfie — sounds like pure fun. But teens have followed dark paths on messaging apps, bullying kids, sending nude photos, meeting up with strangers who turn out to be pedophiles." says the **Washington Post**. The **Kik app** has many features that appeal to kids as young as 13, like video, sketch, bot search, and friend or group code scanning. Best used for older teens and adults, it also has tons of ads in its "promoted chats" (conversations between brands & users) and thrives on in-app purchases. Consider keeping tabs with parental control software like **MobiCip**. If you run into a problem, click **here** to find your teen's username. You can also ask Kik to deactivate the account **here**.



## TEENS.TOWN

**Teens.Town** is very new and a service that is definitely one to keep an eye on. It appears friendly and safe on their home page, asserting their belief "that teenagers should have a safe place to enjoy online social networking experiences." However, parents should note the site is planning to introduce different ways to earn real money in a form of cryptocurrency and will even ask if you use bitcoin when filling out your profile. Teens.Town promises more future "benefits" to come that include community forums, chat rooms, virtual worlds, anonymous mapping and comics section. No age restriction required.



## TAFFY.CHAT

**Taffy.Chat** is a dating and friending mobile app that takes the unique approach of putting "personality and conversation on an equal footing with physical appearance." The app does not show clear photos of matches' faces--only a blurred photo with a catchy headline. It's not until after the users have become better acquainted through chatting that their "true" connection—and photo—is revealed. Registration is done solely through Facebook, which requires a minimum age of 13 for signup. Of course, underaged teens with Facebook accounts may decide to use it, even if they aren't supposed to. Available in iOS only.

## THE DATING GAME



## GAMER DATING SITES (TEENS 18-19+)

Gaming is a form of pop culture on to itself. Self-proclaimed boy (and girl!) nerd gamers often find it hard to meet others on generic dating sites. That's where gamer dating sites come in. As stated in **AskMen** recently, "By delivering an online dating environment that is filled with members proudly flying their geek flag, these niche sites remove the stigma and allow gamers to discover matches in a positive, judgement-free zone." There are several out there ranging from **GamerDating** to **GirlGamerDating** to **LFGdating** ("Looking for Group") sites that are worth reviewing before your 18-and-older nerdy teen starts looking for online love safely with nerd pride.

Learn more about teen dating at: [www.cyberwise.org/dating-apps](http://www.cyberwise.org/dating-apps)

