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Among Us is an online multiplayer social deduction game. The game takes place in a space-themed setting, in which players each take on one of two roles, most being Crewmates, and a predetermined number being Impostors. The goal for the crewmates is to use their detective work to vote out the imposters before they eliminate all the crewmates.

Although Among Us is suitable for ages 9 and above, the game relies heavily on communication. It is always a good idea to make sure your child is supervised and understands how to stay safe before giving them access to a game that allows them to communicate with strangers.

Challenges

- Inappropriate usernames
- Abusive language & inappropriate chat
- Online grooming
- No report functionality
- Focus on getting users to private chat applications (i.e. Discord)

A Focus On Discord

The Among Us experience can be enjoyed on computer and mobile devices, but the app itself only offers communication through text giving a limited user experience. YouTube and streaming personalities have popularised the use of voice chatting through Discord while playing Among Us to enhance the gameplay, inciting players to do the same. Players who are strangers commonly exchange Discord details to meet on private chat servers; a safe practise if a user only communicates about the game, but can quickly become confronting and uncomfortable if the conversation diverts to personal information.

How Do I Report A User?

Unfortunately at this time Among Us does not offer an option to report users.

How Do I Censor Chat?

Note: These steps are for Among Us mobile

1. Open up your Among Us app
2. Click circular cogwheel icon at bottom
3. Confirm that 'Censor Chat' is on, if not tap the button and activate the filter. The box around the button should be green.

It is worth highlighting that as easy as it is to turn on, the same can be said for turning it off.

Like any game, Among Us can be a positive social activity that keeps you connected. 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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