



# Social AI Chatbots

## Pose serious risks for children

Social AI chatbots are artificial-intelligence powered chatbots based on real and fictional characters that engage in human-like conversation. Often these chatbots have personas such as celebrities, popular fictional characters, parental figures, or friends. Many apps and websites, including social media platforms, allow users to build and interact with these AI chatbots as if they are other users on the platform.



## What you need to know



Social AI chatbot interactions can turn age inappropriate even with innocuous prompts. Disturbing content includes: violence, explicit sexuality, self-harm, and eating disorders.



Engaging with social AI chatbots can be addictive, impacting social interactions and brain development. The chatbots often mimic human emotions and can be manipulative.



Social AI chatbots can generate inaccurate and biased information, which can lead to misconceptions and other intellectual harm. Information shared with social AI chatbots may be shared with the platform's developers to train the AI, raising privacy concerns.

## What you can do



Talk to your kids about their online experiences, including which online platforms they use and why. Monitor their usage and adhere to age restrictions. Use available parental controls, including internet filters. Be active in their online activities and supervise their tech use.



Teach your children to think critically about information they receive from social AI chatbots. Help them understand that social AI chat bots are not human, they are only designed to seem human. Learn about the benefits and risks. Don't wait to talk to your kids about using social AI chatbots and other AI tools safely and responsibly.

**Coloradans who believe social AI chatbots are violating the law should file a complaint with the Colorado Attorney General's Office at [stopfraudcolorado.gov](https://stopfraudcolorado.gov)**

The attorney general does not serve as legal counsel or advisor or provide legal advice, interpretation, or counsel to private citizens. Any information in this document constitutes only general statements and is not intended to serve as legal advice for any personal or specific situation.