

HouseParty is a face-to-face social media platform allowing you to connect with friends or family easily in groups of up to 8 people at a time. An important feature to use every time is "locking" your "party" so only the people you explicitly invite can join, otherwise anyone slightly connected to anyone already in the chat can jump right in. Here is how to do it.

- 1) Open the HouseParty App
- 2) Invite your friends
- 3) Click the padlock in the bottom centre of the screen ← That is how easy it is



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ON GOOGLE PLAY IT IS "PG" BUT THE APP RATE THEMSELVES 12+



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## GOOD POINTS

1. Easily connect to friends and family anywhere, playing family games like Pictionary through the app whilst live chatting.
2. Clean and easy to use interface for those who don't even use technology to be able to navigate
3. Easily lock the group so unwanted guests cannot add themselves into your "party" (follow instructions above)
4. Simple reporting feature which allows you to specifically report a user and express your concerns



## BAD POINTS

1. If the chat you have on is "unlocked", any House Party user who is added as a friend for any those in the chat can jump straight onto your chat and start speaking to you.
2. Like everything in social media, there are risks of exposure to explicit content from other users.
3. There are many reports that if you do not lock your party, many "snoopers" appear and do not leave your party (you cannot kick them out). This are unconfirmed by concerning reports
4. "HouseParty" was recently claimed to have been hacked, to which they say is false. Hacking App's is common, keep your personal information input to a minimum within the app.



### Parent Opinion:

*Mother of a 14-year-old son*

*Clever app but please be careful with it, I have had no end of problems with bullying for my son whilst on the app from supposed friends. It's no different to WhatsApp in that sense really. We went back to Facetime 1-2-1 as it was easier to control.*



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