Apps Parents Should Know About

Lock Photos Photo Secret Vault



App for iOS devices. Once launched, user must create a password which can't be reset. Used to hide photos and videos, audio files, and files like PDFs. Users can even use a decoy password and send false data.

AppLock



Fingerprint or password locking to secure Facebook, Instagram, Snapchat other apps, and even phone calls. Uses an invisible lock pattern. Can be disguised as an error message or blank screen.

Best Secret Folder



Captures photos of anyone who tries to access it. Discreet icon looks like a travel app. Can set fingerprint password. App can be shut down by setting the phone faceside-down.

Gallery Lock



Hides photos. After three failed password attempts, the app captures photo of the intruder. App icon can be disguised or hidden. Free with ads.

Keepsafe Photo Vault



Fingerprint passcode. App will lock if user sets the phone facedown. Hides photos, videos, credit card info, ID cards, and passports. Decoy pin. Can be disguised as a calculator. Android and iOS.

Courtesy of San Jose Police Department's Silicon Valley Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force Dedicated to Making the Internet a Safer Place

Vault App: An application used to conceal photos, videos and messages from others who may use your device. A vault app may appear to look like a harmless app.

Apple's built-in "hide photos" feature



On iPhone, at the bottom of the photos or albums tab go to "Hidden" and select the photo you want to unhide. On Mac go to "View" on the menu bar and select "Show Hidden Photo Album".

11 Popular "Vault Apps"



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Vault Hide Pics & Videos (Android only)



Can secure internet browsing history, text messages, phone calls, photos, videos. Stealth mode hides the app. Can be doubled to seem like a regular photo app.

Archive Photos on Android



Built-in option on Android. To view archived photos, tap the hamburger menu (three horizontal lines) and select "Archives".

Secure Folder (Samsung Galaxy only)



Optional "Private Mode" for hiding photos, videos, files, apps, and data. Optional fingerprint lock, pattern, pin, or password. To view, go to Settings > Lock Screen and Security > Secure Folder.

Secret Photo Album



Hides internet browser history and photos. Can be locked with password, pin, pattern, and facial recognition. Decoy feature shows innocuous photos while hiding private photos.

Pic Safe - Private Photo Vault



Hides photos and videos. Password, pattern or pin lock. Decoy password option to fool others. Provides "reports" if someone tries to access photos, and takes their picture.