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## Think it's a Calculator? Think again... How to look for Ghost Apps

### What Is a "Ghost App" or "Vault App"?

These apps are designed to look one way, but they do something entirely different—allowing for secret storage of photos, videos, and more.

Many "ghost apps" will ask for a PIN code if you tap on them.

Another way to detect "ghost apps" is to check the phone settings. If a seemingly innocuous app is using lots of data, then ask questions.

Parents and teachers alike should talk to children and teens about the risks involved in sharing any personal information online, but *especially* photos/videos.

### Most Popular "Ghost/Vault Apps":

Private Photo Vault // Photo Vault  
Gallery Lock  
Best Secret Folder  
Keep Safe  
KYMS  
Vaulty  
Calculator // HiCalculator

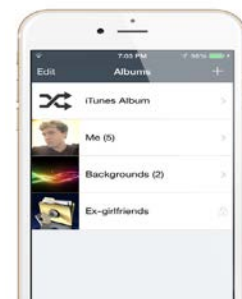
### And Most People Don't Know:

Besides the moral and spiritual issues, using these apps to transmit or hide inappropriate photos could also result in criminal charges, even for our youth:

<http://www.msnbc.com/thomas-roberts/watch/kids-use-ghost-apps-to-hide-activity-562821699928>

### How To Recognize Them:

An icon may look like a normal calculator or a utilities icon, but clicking it will then require a PIN code for access.



The app allows you to lock your photos/videos behind a pin and keeps them hidden