



Fact sheet

Tinder (For 17 years+)

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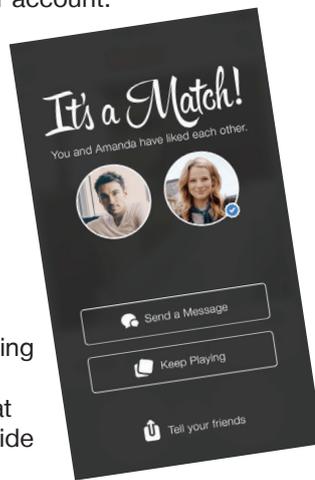
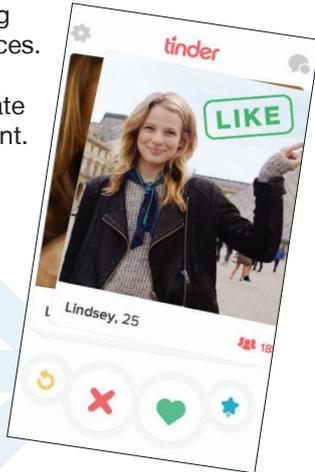
What is Tinder?

Tinder is a free, popular dating app designed for mobile devices. When you set up an account, you are required to authenticate it using your Facebook account. When signing up you are prompted to select profile photos (from Facebook) and write a short description about yourself.

Tinder operates by showing profiles of other users and requesting you 'like' (indicated by swiping right) or 'dislike' (indicated by swiping left) the profiles you are shown. The profiles shown are based on the preferences (age, sexual preference, location) selected when setting up your account.

If two people each 'like' one another's profiles, they are notified and can begin messaging one another. If users do not both 'like' each other's profiles, neither user will be notified of the other's decision and they will not be able to message one another. Users are also provided one 'super like' (indicated by swiping up) per day which allows the person you've liked to see that you like them before they decide to swipe left or right.

There is also a premium version of Tinder, known as Tinder Plus, which involves a yearly subscription fee, and provides additional features such as Rewind (taking back your last swipe) and Passport (changing your location as you travel). Tinder Plus users also have five 'super likes' per day.



Does Tinder have an age limit?

Tinder is intended to be used by adults only. Many people go on Tinder with the intention of finding a sexual partner and may send nude photos to other users. To create a Tinder account, you must have a Facebook account as the application links to and uses information from Facebook.

This information includes photos and date of birth, however this will only work if the Facebook account indicates that the owner is aged 17+.

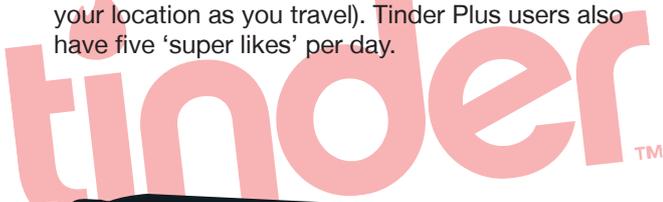
Tip for parents:

You should monitor your child's date of birth on Facebook, as it's not uncommon for teens to use fake dates of birth in order to access Facebook and/or Tinder at a younger age than intended.

Is making a Tinder account safe?

Tinder relies on Facebook to ensure that the profiles are legitimate and that users aren't making accounts with fake names and photos. As such, Tinder will show other users the first name used on Facebook as well as your three most recent profile photos from Facebook (although you can change photos and add up to six). Any mutual Facebook friends or page 'likes' are displayed when Tinder users review your Tinder profile. If you display your workplace or school history on Facebook, this will also appear on your Tinder account. Your distance from other users will also be revealed (the minimum distance displayed is 2 kilometres). If you're not comfortable with your personal information being shared with strangers, then you should avoid creating an account.

Creating a Tinder account also requires agreement to Tinder's Terms of Service. This gives Tinder permission to access Facebook profile items including your email address, interests, likes, gender, birthday, education history, relationship interests, current city, photos, personal description, and friends list. This information will be retained privately and is not collected to be shared with other Tinder users; however you should review Tinder's Terms of Service and Privacy Agreement to ensure you're comfortable with how this information might be used.





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What are some of the potential problems with Tinder?

Your profile can be seen by anyone on Tinder regardless of whether or not you've been matched with them. Nothing you put in your Tinder profile is private, so you should avoid writing information about yourself or uploading photos that could damage your reputation should a colleague or friend come across your account or allow users to locate you in person.

By default, Tinder only includes your first name but many people reveal their last name in their profile by linking to Instagram or other social media accounts that contain their surname in the username. Once people have a photo of you, your first name and your surname, it can be easy for them to search for you and find out more information. Avoid sharing your surname in your profile for this reason.

While Facebook integration exists to ensure that Tinder profiles are genuine, users may create fake Facebook accounts just so they can make fake Tinder accounts. As with any online dating service, you should never assume that people you speak with are who they say they are.

If you're going to meet up with someone from Tinder, meet up with them in a public place such as a busy coffee shop first and always let others know where you are. Don't give them personal details such as where you live until you get to know them. If you do visit them at their home, tell a trusted friend their details and have them contact you at a certain time to ensure you are okay and get home safely.

Can I get viruses from Tinder?

You may occasionally encounter profiles run by scam bots on the service. Scam bots are programs written by malicious users which automatically make fake social media accounts, using photos of attractive people. When matched with you on Tinder they may send pre-designed messages to say that they're not receiving your messages properly and ask you to go to a different website or download a different app

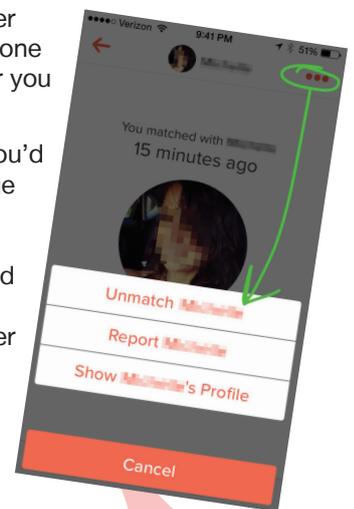
to continue talking to them. Following these links or downloading these apps may fill your device with viruses and monitoring software. This may be used to record the passwords you use for apps or online banking. You should never click suspicious links to websites you're unfamiliar with.

Can I block/report people on Tinder?

Yes. If you decide you no longer want to be contacted by someone you've matched with on Tinder you can block them permanently.

To do this, select the person you'd like to block from your message inbox. Select the 'more' menu (three dots in a row) at the top right of the message thread and choose 'Unmatch' from the menu. The person will no longer be able to contact you and all previous messages between you and them will be deleted.

You can report anyone on Tinder who is being offensive, abusive, makes you feel uncomfortable or sends you spam by selecting the 'Report' button from the 'more' menu and providing information to Tinder who can then ban the user from the service.



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