

## What is Among Us?



A popular online multi-player, murder mystery game, set in space.

Players in groups of up to 10 are randomly assigned to be either genuine crew mates or imposters. They play as cartoon characters within the game.

The genuine team members work together to complete a task and identify the imposters. The

imposters try to evade detection and to sabotage and kill the crew mates before they complete their task. Each game only lasts a few minutes.

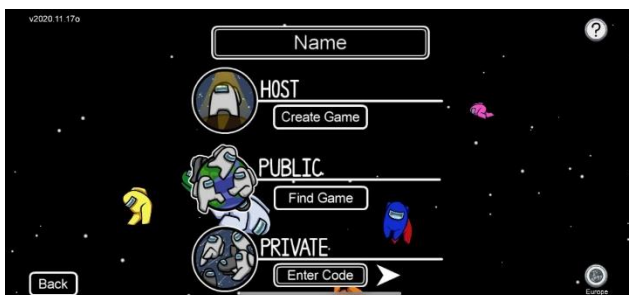
## Age Rating

Among Us has a Pan European Guidance Information (PEGI) age rating of 7 and an Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB) rating of Everyone 10+ meaning it is generally considered suitable for anyone aged 10 and over.

Its terms of use require licensees to be at least 18 years old. It's privacy policy specifically states that it is not directed to children under the age of 13 and under 13s, may not give them any personal information. It further requires users between the ages of 13 and 18 to have parental permission before giving any of their personal information.

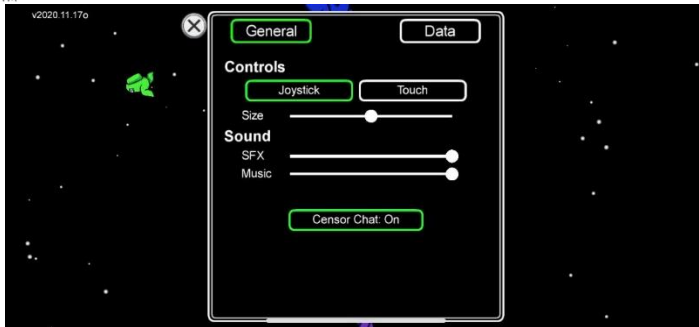
## What you should know:

**Contact with Strangers:** Games can be set to public or private. If games are set to "public" the app will allow players to connect and communicate with unknown others. This is always a risk, and games that attract children may also attract paedophiles. If children play publicly, they should know not to give out any personal information, including ways for players to contact them on other platforms. There is a reporting feature ("feedback") to flag up inappropriate content or behaviour.



**Privacy:** Access to private games can be controlled using the "Host" button to restrict players to family and trusted real-life friends. Whoever creates or "hosts" the private game will receive a code which they can send to their friends. The host is also able to control certain aspects of the game including behaviour, with the power to remove troublesome players.

**Imagery:** the game shows cartoon images depicting murders and air-lock related executions but without graphic details.



**Bad Language:** The game supports live chat which can contain inappropriate language. There is a “censor chat” option in Settings to filter out bad language, but it is not fool proof. Usernames of other players can also be unsuitable for children.

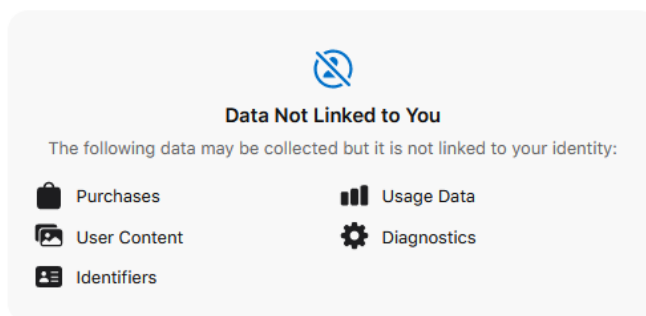
**Advertisements:** there are advertisements which appear during and between games. Ad-free games can be purchased for £1.99.

**In-app purchases:** players can purchase ‘skins’ and other accessories for their character.

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Terms of Use: <https://among-us.io/terms-of-use/>

Among Us only requires a username which is made public to the other players when logged into a game. It is possible to create an account using a user ID and password without the need for a phone number. The Terms of Service also require an e-mail address. It says this is to send you important notices and that you may not opt out of receiving these communications.

Players also receive announcements within the app about updates or special offers on purchases.



This image shows the App Store summary of privacy data so far as it relates to UK/EU users.

## What should you do?

If you decide to allow your child to use this app, make sure they use a username that reveals as little information about them as possible.

Ensure they only play privately with real-life friends.

Remind them not to reveal personal information if they find themselves in a public game.

Reassure them that you are there to support them and that they should tell you if they have any problems or if they are worried by anything or anyone online.