Lots of mobile apps are designed to support your sexual and reproductive health — but what else do they know about you?

**CONTRACEPTION & FERTILITY APPS**

These apps collect information about a woman’s fertility and share information about a woman’s fertility with data aggregators such as “rape survivors” and “AIDS/HIV sufferers.”

**STD dating apps**

These apps are built to find individuals with STDs.

**PREGNANCY TRACKING APPS**

Some pregnant apps provide an email ID for users to get out of data collection. Instagram posts show how easy it is to track your device across services. This may include any accounts created by any other application you have installed. It also allows the app access to your contact device identifier (UID), which makes it easy to track your device across services and web sites.

**IN-APP PURCHASES**

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**DEVICE CONTROL PERMISSION**

Grant the app permission to access the Bluetooth configuration, to prevent the device from sleeping, use your dedicated camera and video, record audio, control your phone and its inputs, and the app can access the history of your apps and many other activities.

A request for permission should occur only when required. So if your app requires the camera to take a picture, a request should be asked for only when the app actually needs to take a photo with the app.

**GENDER IDENTITY**

Permissions that allow the addition or removal of gender identity but also allow accounts to be found on your device.

**STORAGE CONTENT PERMISSION**

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**PHONE PERMISSION**

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