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Cunch Line Cronicles

CUNCH LINE CRONICLES is Downloadable for Mobiles / Tablets via Google Play & iOS App Store & is Free

PEGI Age Rating 18+ (Not verified) Apple iOS Rating 17+

CUNCH LINE CRONICLES is a Free App that lets users 'play' at being drug pushers. **Cunch** is slang for county and the game mirrors 'drug' county line rackets in a 'Mario style format. CUNCH LINE CRONICLES is not your usual casual game!

CUNCH LINE CRONICLES is an endless 2d runner game that allows the user to become part of the gritty reality of 'London' drug life attempting to keep a comedic factor, by always being chased by police.

CUNCH LINE CRONICLES is very simple, install, activate the character to run, get chased by the police through areas, over obstacles, deliver and collect drugs with just one tap, and then react to situations so as not to get caught by the ensuing police.



What we say.

Game may not be suitable for children as it portrays itself as normalising and motivating child criminals and sexual exploitation (as children are made to carry illicit substances in their private areas by gangs), which is endemic in this country. The app tends to glorify drug use and drug supply and could influence already vulnerable children & young users.

There are definite concerns about its potential influence on vulnerable young people as it embraces themes of drug running, CSE and grooming.

The game and graphics are rather basic, and many users may become very bored very quickly, however this does not diminish the possibility of children becoming fascinated by drug culture and the issue of running and escaping from the police.

Why should parents/carers care?

- CUNCH LINE CRONICLES certainly may glamourise drug use, gang culture and criminal activity, and could potentially influence young people.
- The game **is not intended for children** as it features adult themes and is easily installed by young users who simply accept, they are 17+ there is no need to use a date of birth required.
- Like many other games CUNCH LINE CRONICLES has in-app purchases (these are connected to the store on your device) where users can buy and add extra points and new characters. In-app purchases are sold from the 'Trap House.'

What can parents/carers do?

- Download the **CUNCH LINE CRONICLES** app before your child does, and decide if it is appropriate for your child to use, this will allow you to experience the ease of downloading, the ease of using the App
- Stick to the age restriction of 17+, if possible, only allow children 17 and over to use **CUNCH LINE CRONICLES**, the restriction is there for a reason so try and stick to it.
- Use Family Sharing on IOs devices and the Family Link App on Android devices to prevent your child downloading **CUNCH LINE CRONICLES** without your knowledge. Family sharing can be accessed via the Apple device settings option and uses your apple id which then prevents the user of the other device from downloading new Apps. The Android App needs to be downloaded via Play Store and require each user to have a Gmail email, but once set up the user will be prevented from downloading Apps from the Play store without permission.



If a Parent/Carer decides to allow their Child to use CUNCH LINE CRONICLES (NOT ADVISABLE)

- If you and your child decide to install and use CUNCH LINE CRONICLES, then make sure you know exactly what this app does, how your child is using it and how frequently they are playing the game.
- Do not allow in app purchases
- Talk with your child about the App and how it is used , how they should use it, and how it can be dangerous and upsetting.
- Encourage them to speak to you when something upsets, worries, or concerns them. Then 'flag', 'block' and report together.

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