

TIPS: INSTAGRAM SAFETY

[Instagram](#) is a photo sharing social platform. Users can upload their photos via a mobile app and share it with their followers. This platform has grown enormously popular over the last year and is a favorite among teens.

What you need to know about Instagram:

Instagram will only allow you to create a profile if you are over the age of 13. The user must provide an email address and create a username. There is no age verification process to ensure kids under 13 aren't using it.

Your child can set their profile to private which means only followers can see and comment on their pictures. A follower must send a request and be approved by the user in order to gain access. **If you do not manually change profile to private any Instagram user can view your profile.**

Talk to your kids about who they should add as followers. Remind them to never ever allow strangers to follow their profile.

If your child is being harassed on Instagram they can **block the offending user from being able to see and comment on their photos.**