

# TIPS: SNAPCHAT SAFETY

SnapChat is a social media app that allows the user to send a picture that will then delete itself after a few seconds. The person receiving the picture can take a screenshot of the picture but it notifies the sender that a screenshot has been taken.

SnapChat has been criticized by many internet safety experts as a tool for sexting. Parents should be aware that this could be going on so decide accordingly whether or not you will allow your child to use this app.

Talk to your kids about:

What goes on the Internet stays on the Internet. SnapChat creates a false sense of security that your images are deleted but kids should know that those pictures are being stored somewhere. Nothing is every really deleted.

The dangers of sexting. Children don't often understand the harmful effects of sharing compromising pictures of themselves including bullying, self-esteem and protecting their online reputations.

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Here are a few ways to set up safety features on SnapChat. Go to **Settings** inside the app and choose to only allow **My Friends** to send you snaps. Otherwise anybody can send you pictures. Make sure you click **Save**.



If someone on your friend list is sending you snaps that you do not want to receive- you have the option of blocking that person. To block someone find their name in your list of friends, swipe to the right, click **Edit** and click **Block**. That friend can no longer send you photos in Snapchat.

