



Bullying on Snapchat

Snapchat can be a really fun way for young people to share images. It's different from other photo sharing apps because when you send an image, it will only last between 1 and 10 seconds before being deleted.

However, Snapchat can sometimes be used for bullying as well. This can be really frustrating and upsetting because a young person might get a nasty image which is automatically deleted. This can make it hard to report bullying on Snapchat.

How does a young person stop bullying on Snapchat?

They can't save images they get through Snapchat, but if they get an abusive message they can take a screenshot. This way you will have something to report.

If they take a screenshot, Snapchat will try to send a notification to the person who sent you the original message. So it's important to think about how the other person might react if they know they have taken a screenshot of their message.

If someone is bullying your son or daughter over Snapchat, blocking someone will stop them from sending abusive messages. They can also report bullying to Snapchat - they may be able to help stop it.

Sometimes a young person may be added by a username that you don't recognise. This can make it hard to tell whether they know the person or not and it may lead to bullying. It can be upsetting if they are not sure who the person is.

A good idea for young people is to set up Snapchat so that they only receive messages from people on their friends list.

**They can do this by going into their settings then going to 'Who can send me snaps'.
From here, change to 'my friends' instead of 'everyone'**