PARENT ADVICE
ONLINE SAFETY

Parent Tips

It is important to have an open and trusting relationship with your child around the use of technology. Be sure to let your children know that they can come to you if they are ever bullied or feel unsafe online. Your child should also know that they can always tell you about a mistake they made online without fearing any repercussions. As a parent, you should also be aware of the latest trends and online risks.

INSTAGRAM

- ● UNSAFE
- ● CAUTION
- ● SAFE

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🔫 Violence	●○○○○
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💲 In-App Purchases	●○○○○

WHAT IS IT?

Instagram is a platform for enhancing and sharing media. Users post photos and videos, and can comment and create tags for their images so that they can be found by searching for the tags. Users can also live stream video or share posts that disappear after 24 hours.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

Instagram does not allow pornographic, violent, unlawful or discriminatory content and tries to remove any content deemed inappropriate, but it is not 100% accurate and may miss posts or comments.

Instagram accounts are pre-set as public and can be viewed by anyone, but users can change their account to private, and must approve anyone who wants to view it.

When posting, make sure your phone's location services are off, otherwise Instagram will "geotag" your posts, meaning it shares your location at the time of posting.

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SNAPCHAT

- ● UNSAFE
- ● CAUTION
- ● SAFE

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WHAT IS IT?

Snapchat is a popular media sharing and messaging app that allows users to instantly share photos and videos, as well as chat, call, and video call.

WHAT ARE THE RISKS?

People believe that Snapchat is a "safe" way of sharing all sorts of photos and videos because the images disappear after they are viewed. Even though "snaps" disappear after they are viewed, it is possible for the viewer to capture a screenshot and keep a copy of the image. In addition to this, several third-party apps can be used to access and store the photos and videos from Snapchat.

As there is no moderation over content shared, Snapchat has gained notoriety for sexual content. Users often receive requests from spam accounts inviting them to share explicit content or follow links to download viruses.

The "Discover" feature posts content generated by news and media websites like CNN, Daily Mail and Cosmopolitan. Much of this is inappropriate for younger users, but there are no ratings or access restrictions.

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