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SNAPCHAT

Age Rating in the App Store:

Age rating according to app provider

#### **Privacy**

Privacy settings that are available within Snapchat are the ability to restrict who can send a user photos or videos, *'snaps'*. This can be enabled by going into the Settings menu, select *'Who can send me snaps'*, then select *'My friends'*. This will ensure only people the user knows will be able to connect with them via the application. It is important to read the Snapchat privacy policy as it provides information about how the images and videos are stored and used. Users need to be aware that Snapchat has the right to reproduce, modify and republish photos and videos, and save them to the Snapchat servers, particularly in relation to the *'Live Story'* feature.

## **Snap Map**

The Map allows Snapchat users to see where their friends are, as long as these friends choose to share their locations with them. Location sharing with friends via the Map is optional and is off by default; however, if you submit a Snap to Our Story, it may appear publicly on the Map in the exact location it was taken. Once you opt-in, whatever audience you're sharing with can see your live location updated, every time you open the Snapchat app, regardless of whether you send them or anyone else a Snap.

Location Sharing Options Include:

Only Me (Ghost Mode):

Your location won't be visible to anyone else on the Map. You can turn Ghost Mode on and off or opt to set a timer.

Select Friends: Choose specific friends to share your location with. Friends you select aren't notified when you choose them.

My Friends: Your location will be shared with all of your friends this includes friends you add in the future. This option doesn't include people who've added you as a friend, but who you haven't added back.

To edit your location settings, just tap the 🚱 button in the top-right corner of the Map screen. You can change who can see your location, or you can hide your location completely by going into Ghost Mode.





#### How to block a user

- Go to your friends list.
- Hold the name of the offending user.
- Select 'More' on the menu that appears.
- Select 'Block' to stop receiving Snapchats from that person or pick 'Remove Friend' if you want to remove them from your contacts.

### How do I report abuse on Snapchat?

To report a Story on the web from your computer, click the button on the video, then click 'Report'.

Like any social media Snapchat can be a positive social activity that keeps kids connected to their friends. Just be mindful of screen time and be aware of who they are connecting with. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

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