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Think Before You Share

Staying safe on Snapchat

A colourful, ready-to-use direct work pack to help young people understand the risks on Snapchat – and to help you gauge, record and act on risk.

- Ages 11–17
- 1:1 or small groups
- 3–4 sessions
- Editable Word

Worker's guide

Session plans, SEND and trauma-informed tips, disclosures and recording

Activity sheets

How Snapchat works, risk spotter, 12 real-life scenario cards, settings checklist, who to tell

Risk measure

Young person's quiz with scoring key, worker observation checklist, record sheet – plus a certificate

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Information about Snapchat's features and settings was checked against Snap's own help and safety pages and UK safeguarding sources in November 2026 (see Sources, page 20). Apps change often – check settings on the young person's own phone with them.

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How Snapchat works

The main features – what they do and what to watch out for

Snaps

Photos and videos you send to friends.

⚠️ **Watch out:** They can be saved or screenshotted.

Chat

Messages, voice notes and calls.

⚠️ **Watch out:** People aren't always who they say they are.

Stories

Snaps your friends can see for 24 hours.

⚠️ **Watch out:** Think about who's watching – and what you show.

Spotlight

Short public videos from anyone.

⚠️ **Watch out:** Anyone can see what you post there.

Snap Map

A map where friends can see where you are.

⚠️ **Watch out:** It can show your home or school. Use Ghost Mode.

Streaks

Snapping a friend every day to grow a 🔥 number.

⚠️ **Watch out:** Can feel like pressure – and keep you up late.

Find Friends

Suggests people to add (it used to be called Quick Add).

⚠️ **Watch out:** Suggestions can include strangers.

My AI

A chatbot you can ask questions.

⚠️ **Watch out:** It's not a person and can get things wrong.

Disappearing messages

Snaps and chats delete after they're seen.

⚠️ **Watch out:** Not really gone – people can still keep them.

Did you know?

Snapchat is for ages **13+**. Teen accounts get extra protection – like only friends being able to message you – but only if your **real date of birth** is on your account.

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Real-life situations

Cut out the cards or pick one. What's going on? What would you do?

1 Easy money?

Someone you don't know adds you. You've got loads of friends in common, so you add them back. After a few chats they say: "I can send you £50 today. Just do me a small favour first."

🚩 Red flags? 🤔 What would you do? 🗣️ Who could you tell?

2 Just one pic

You've been chatting to someone for a week. They're really nice and keep saying you're gorgeous. Then they ask: "Send me a pic, just for me. It'll disappear anyway."

🚩 Red flags? 🤔 What would you do? 🗣️ Who could you tell?

3 Drop this off

An older lad you know from the area messages you: "Need you to drop a parcel across town. £40 and a new vape. Easy money. Don't tell anyone, yeah?"

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4 I can see your house

You get a message from someone you added last month: "Saw on the Map you're at home. I'm round the corner – come out and meet me."

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5 Pay or I'll share it

Someone you sent a photo to messages you: "Send me £100 in gift cards in the next hour or I'll send your pic to all your friends and family." They've sent you a list of your friends.

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6 Don't lose the streak!

You've got a 400-day streak with your best mate. Your phone goes in the office at night. Your mate says: "Give me your login so I can keep it going. If we lose it, we're done."

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