

Snapchat.

Snapchat is a mobile application for sharing pictures, videos, and messages with friends. Things shared via Snapchat are temporary, and recipients can only view content with a certain timeframe. Snap Maps is also a prominent feature on the app, allowing you to see your friends' locations and show your own. This feature is off by default, but has still raised privacy and security concerns for many.

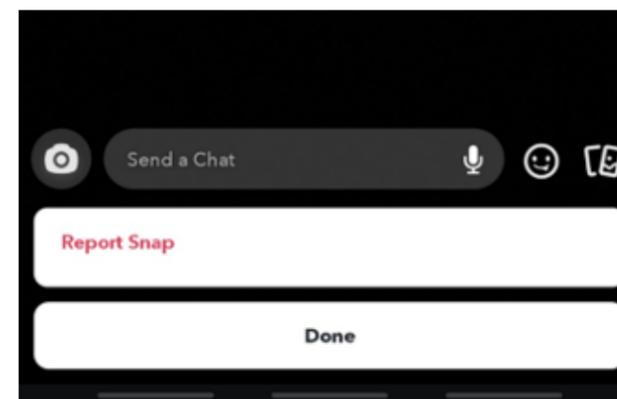
In 2019, it was discovered that multiple employees at Snapchat used a tool called SnapLion to access user data and spy on people. The tool was originally developed to gather information regarding requests from law enforcement. However, the tool is said to have also been used for illegitimate reasons.

Sometimes users can send and upload harmful or malicious content that doesn't belong on the app. This guide will go over the various ways that users can receive content on Snapchat alongside how to report or block users and the content that they may send.

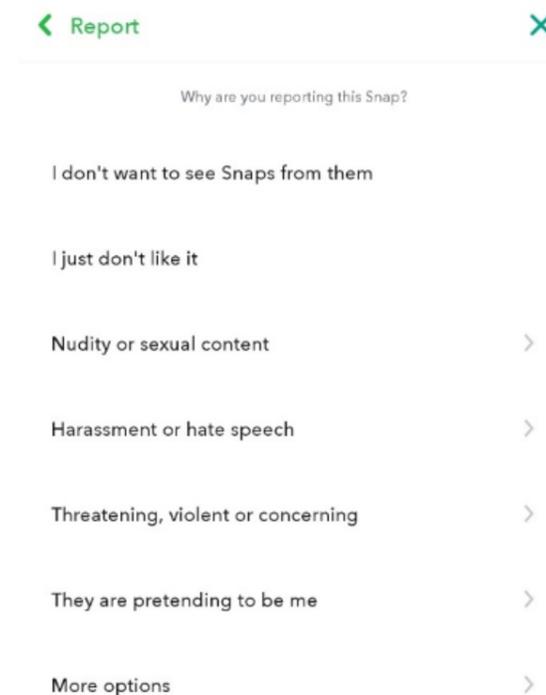
Individual Snaps

If you receive a snap that you believe to be offensive, malicious or you generally do not like the content of it, you can report it while the image is still open on your screen.

To do this, hold down on your screen and a pop up will appear, as seen below.



After you hit the "Report Snap" button you will see a list of options.



From here, you can choose the best option for why you want to report the snap. After reporting, you will be provided with a prompt to also block the account if you would like to.

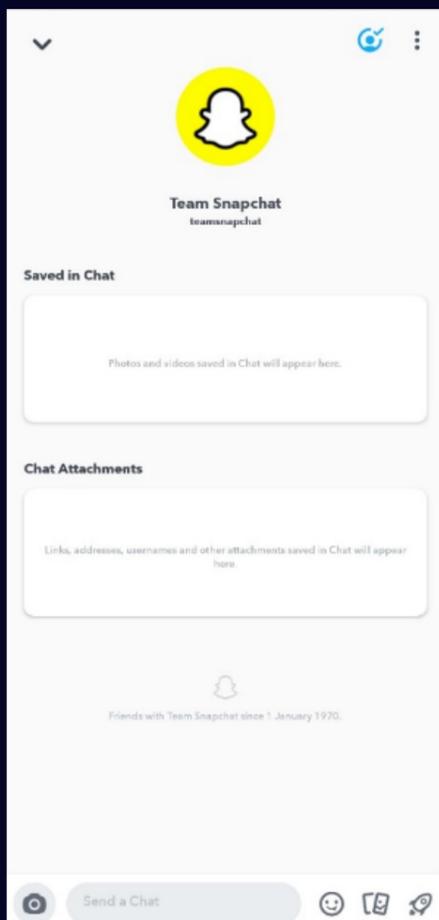
Stories

Snapchat Stories can be reported in the same format as individual snaps. Once the Story is open on your screen, follow the above steps for reporting a snap.

Individual accounts

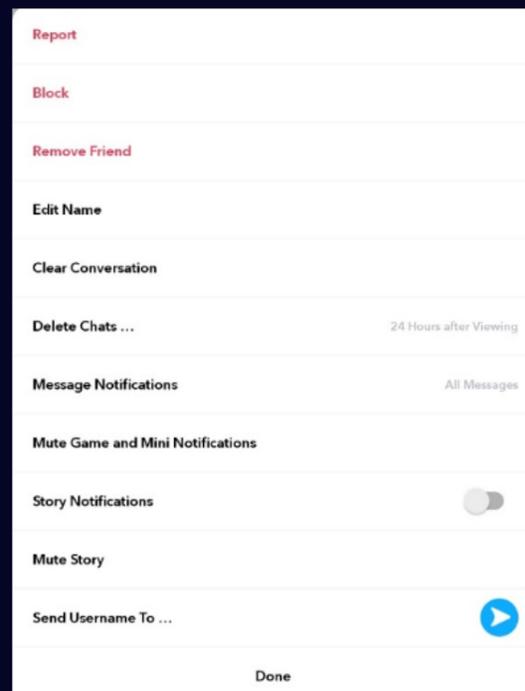
Accounts on Snapchat can also be reported and blocked.

When you click on the profile image of the account you will be taken to the screen below:

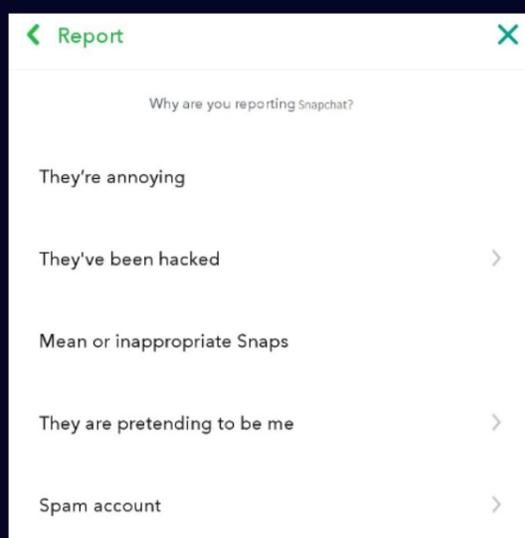


From here you can press the 3 dots shown at the top right-hand side of the image.

This will provide you with a prompt with the following options:



From here, you can choose to report and block the account. If you select the report option, you will be provided with a list of options similar to when reporting snaps or stories: Changing Security and Privacy Settings



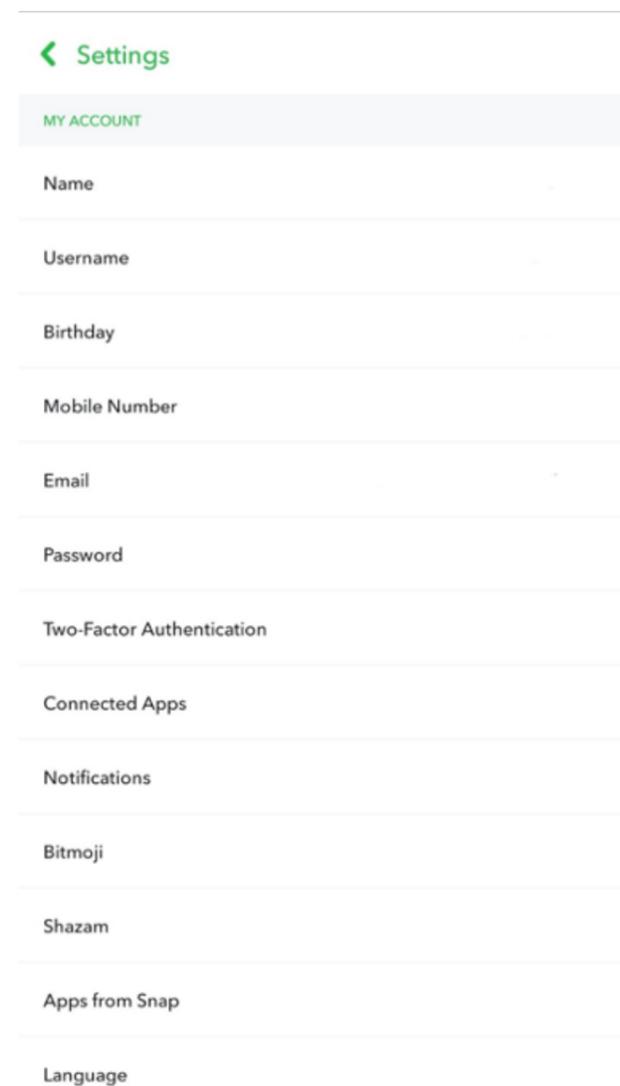
Changing Security and Privacy Settings

Snapchat has a range of options to tweak users security and privacy settings within the app. The below sections will discuss each of these and explain what they do.

Reaching the settings page:

When on the home screen which displays all your recent snaps, click your profile (bitmoji) icon located at the top left of the screen. This will take you to your accounts profile. From here click the settings cog at the top right of the screen, this will take you to the settings page.

The following sections of interest can be found on this page:



WHO CAN ...	
Contact Me	My Friends
Use My Cameos Selfie	Everyone
View My Story	Everyone
See Me in Quick Add	
See My Location	
Memories	
Spectacles	
Customise Emojis	
Ads	
Data Saver	
PRIVACY	
Clear Conversation	
Clear Search History	
Clear Top Locations	
Contact Syncing	
Spotlight & Snap Map Snaps	
Permissions	
My Data	

My Account

This section can be used to change your accounts password and enable Two-Factor Authentication. After selecting the option, the app will take you through the steps required to apply either of these options. As Snapchat stores data such as personal images, videos & other personal information, it is highly recommended for accounts to enable Two-Factor Authentication.

Who Can...:

This section is where most privacy settings of the app are located. The first 5 options in this section list how people can reach and view the content that you post on the app. Below will list the different settings and options available:

Contact me (Who can send messages and snaps to you): My friends or Everyone.

Use my Cameos selfie (A saved image that is used in short videos): Everyone, My Friends or Only Me.

View my story (users can upload story's that are viewable by those who are selected from this option rather than a direct snap): Everyone, Friends Only or Custom.

See Me in Quick Add (the section where Snapchat provides users it suggests to add): Yes or No

See My location (Using the Snapmap Service that shows users location which is updated when they have the application open):

A description of the terms used for the options can be found below:

Everyone: Anyone who has added your account, even if you have not added them back can view this content.

My friends: Anyone who you have added and they have added you back, or vice versa can view this content.

Only Me: Only the account holder can view this content on their device

Custom: A custom list of the user's friends can view this content.

Privacy

This section displays the options for being able to clear data such as conversations as well as being able to request a data download of all the data Snapchat has on your account. These options can be useful to determine what data Snapchat is holding on you as well as delete and clear certain aspects as required.

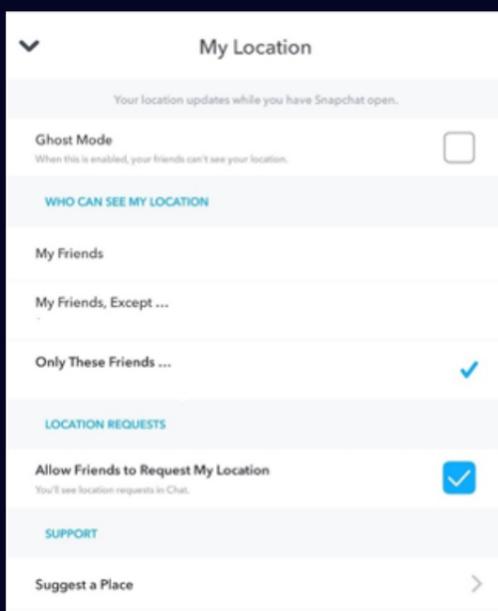
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