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Six out of ten teenagers use Snapchat (59%) *, and it stands as the 4th most popular app used by teens behind YouTube, TikTok, and Instagram. The platform allows users to send photos, videos and messages that disappear after being viewed. These unique features appeal to many young people, it also makes them vulnerable to potential online risks such as cyberbullying, receiving inappropriate and explicit content or coming into contact with an online predator.

Protecting your child's privacy and safety on Snapchat is an important step to ensure that they have a safe and positive experience on the app. This guide will provide steps to properly configure your child's privacy settings on Snapchat. It's encouraged to set these settings to be as private as possible and to do so with your child present to allow for open communication and questions.

Privacy Settings

It's essential to have open communication with your child about online safety and the importance of privacy settings.

1. Open Snapchat and log-in to your child's profile.
2. Go to the profile screen by tapping the **Bitmoji** or **profile icon** in the upper-left corner.
3. Tap the **Settings gear icon** in the upper-right corner.
4. Scroll to the **Privacy Controls** section.
5. Select **See Me in Find Friends** and disable this option to avoid your child from appearing in other users' suggested Find Friends box.
6. Go back to the **Privacy Controls** section. Tap on **Activity indicator** and turn it off.
7. Go back to the **Privacy Controls** section. Tap on **See my location**.
 - There are multiple options for location settings:
 - **My Friends:** Selecting this option shares your child's location with the users who are connected as Snapchat friends with your child's profile.
 - **My Friends, Except...:** This setting allows you to exclude anyone from your child's list of contacts.
 - **Only These Friends:** This setting allows you to choose a specific list of individuals from your child's contact list to view their location.
 - **Ghost Mode:** Selecting this option ensures your child's location remains completely private, even to users who are connected as Snapchat

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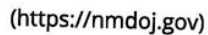
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8. If you have your own Snapchat account, we recommend setting up **Family Center** to monitor your child's activity and who they are friends with.

There is currently no method to make a Snapchat profile private or public. The steps above will assist in securing your child's account is safer, but it is the responsibility of the child's parent or guardian to ensure their experiences online are appropriate.

Download a [printable version](https://nm DOJ.gov/wp-content/uploads/Privacy-Guide-SnapChat.pdf) (<https://nm DOJ.gov/wp-content/uploads/Privacy-Guide-SnapChat.pdf>) of the steps above.

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