



Snapchat is a photo sharing social media site built for mobile phones. It encourages "as-it-happens" sharing with photos taken throughout a person's day. This generally appeals to younger people.



Snaps are meant to be temporary



Snaps can be saved without you knowing!

Temporary images?

Snapchat's primary aim is that images are "temporary". When a 'snap' is sent to someone it has a timer on it and the recipient may only view the image for a few seconds.

Snapchats last for 30 days in the app before they are deleted and at least 30 days from the time it was opened on Snapchat's systems.

If the receiver screenshots the snap, a notification is sent to the sender. However, there are multiple ways to capture a sent image without the sender ever knowing.

Who can Snap me?

By default, only people in your friends list can, so be careful who you accept as a friend.

Additionally, anyone with your username or your phone number can add you on Snapchat.

Snapchat will also suggest people you may know based on your friends too.

Leaked photos!

In 2014, a third party app "Snapsave" was breached and over 200,000 images leaked online. Many of those were of young children under the legal age of consent and therefore also constituted child pornography.

Explicit photo sharing is common on Snapchat as the idea of the image only being temporary is generally accepted by users - don't fall for this idea!



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