


Kik is a controversial messaging app popular with children and young people. When we carried out our routine reviews and online testing, we found that it is frequently used for inappropriate messaging and content sharing. Under their **Terms of Service**, Kik states that users must be 13 or over. There are no privacy controls, in fact anyone can search for a username and send them a message.

Stay safe on Kik by following the instructions below:



### Mute New Chats

**Mute notifications for messages from new people:**

- In the top right corner tap your profile picture, which will take you to settings. 
- Tap on **Notifications**.
- At **Mute New Chats**, tap the toggle which will turn blue and tap **Yes, I'm Sure**.


### Block

**Block a user using these simple instructions:**

- Tap the name or profile picture of the user you want to block. 
- Tap the three dots in the top right corner. 
- Tap **Block [Username]** and a pop-up message will appear asking, **Are You Sure?**
- Tap **Block**.

### Report

**Report a user using these simple instructions:**

- Tap the name of the user you want to report.
- Tap the three dots in the top right corner. 
- Tap **Report User**.

