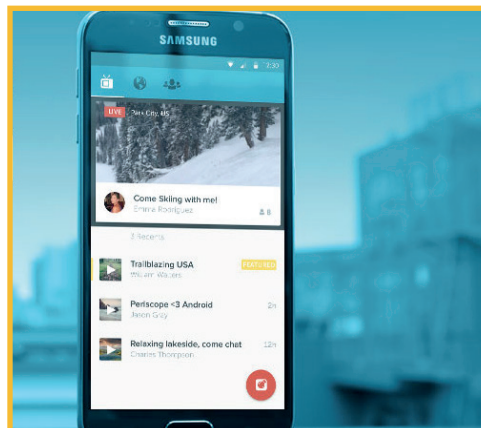
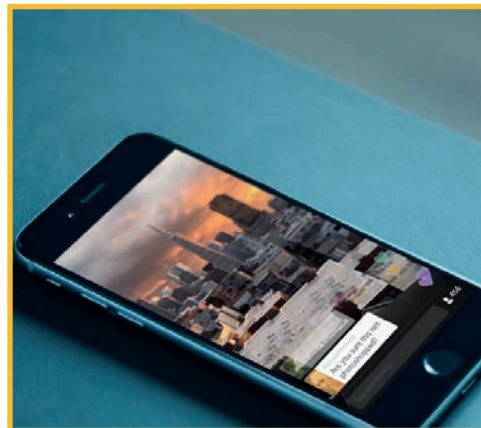




What is Periscope?

Periscope is one of many live video streaming apps. It enables you to broadcast live video and interact with people via comments. You can also instantly share your live videos to social networks and broadcast privately to specific followers. The service is aimed at 13-year-olds and over, but due to peer pressure and curiosity, some children are lying to set up accounts on the app. It is widely reported that paedophiles have used apps, such as this, to target young users - asking them to share inappropriate live videos.

What does it look like?



Main Concerns for Parents



Periscope

AGE RESTRICTION
13+

No delay. No filter. No thinking time.

Unlike with recorded video, live streams are instant. If your child records a video for YouTube or similar service, they have time to sit back and think, "do I really want to upload this to the internet?" However, live streams are much more spontaneous. If your child says something they'd regret on a live stream, there's no going back. They can't decide not to upload it. At that point, the video is already there for potentially anyone in the world to see.

Many predators use Periscope to target children

There have been many reported cases of paedophiles utilising Periscope to try and persuade children to take off their clothes or do other sexually explicit activities. Sometimes, they join the app in groups, which can be a huge form of manipulation as your child may not understand the full intentions of their audience and simply want to please them.

Counting Hearts

Like most forms of social media, Periscope has a form of 'liking' something known as 'hearts'. In general, likes can have potential consequences as they subtly teach your children to put value on a superficial number and if they're not getting as many hearts as their friends, they may feel an undeserved lack of self worth or importance. Hearts can be sent by anyone in the world watching a live video.

Real-time cyberbullying

As well as older predators who use the app, people in similar age groups to your child can use Periscope to send hurtful messages about them or their stream. Viewers can comment on the video while it is streaming so opens up the opportunity for 'real-time cyberbullying'.

Your child can easily broadcast their location

On Periscope, your child can feature tags in their live videos that show viewers their exact location, even if it's in the comfort of their own home!

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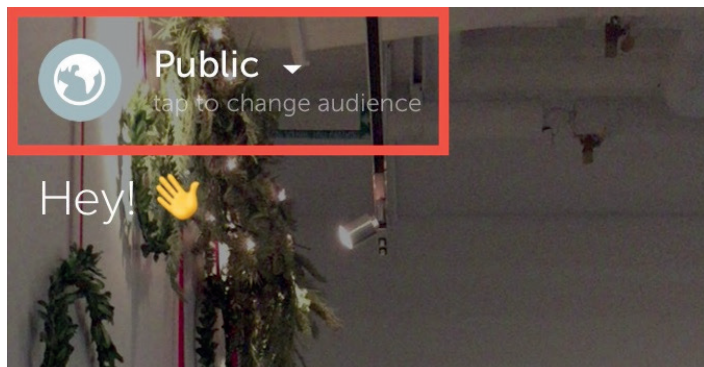


Turn off GPS

Disable the app's GPS location feature on all of your child's live streams. As long as viewers don't recognise any famous landmarks or logos on school uniforms and other clothing, your child shouldn't be able to be tracked by strangers.

Only allow people you know into the stream

When setting up a video stream, at the bottom of your child's device, there is an option to make the broadcast private and only allow users that they follow to see the stream. This is a good way for your child to make fun and enjoyable content for their friends without the risk of strangers viewing the video.

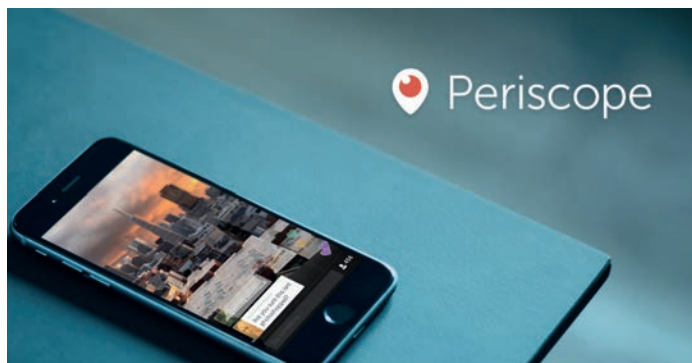


Talk to your child about the risks on live streaming

In most cases regarding online safety and your child, the best form of education starts with a conversation. So, be sure to sit down and have a chat with them so you can discuss the dos and don'ts about what is appropriate to say or do on stream and what is not.

Delete videos after 24 hours

You can choose whether to keep the broadcasted videos on your profile indefinitely or for them to automatically expire after 24 hours. To do this, head to the settings in the app and under the 'Your Broadcasts' section, select 'Auto-Delete after 24hr'. This will make sure that all broadcasts in the future will be automatically deleted.



Block users

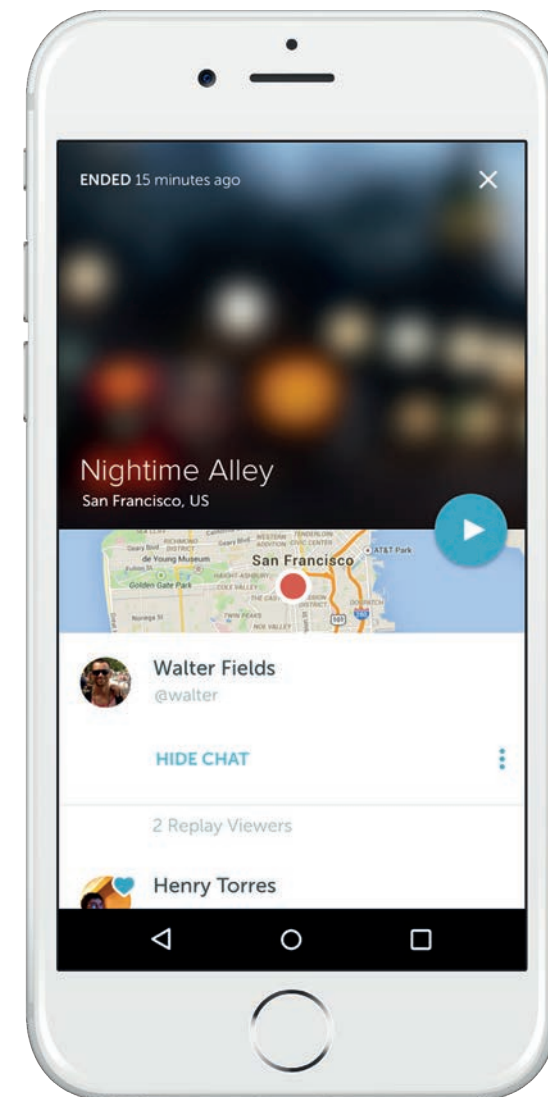
If your child is receiving upsetting or negative comments during a live stream, we strongly suggest blocking the user. They can do this by simply tapping on the comment and pressing block. If they would like to block the user completely:

- Tap the user they would like to block.
- While on their profile, tap the gear icon in the top left on iOS or the menu icon on Android.
- Here, tap 'Block User'. This will stop all future contact from that user.

Report inappropriate content

If your child has seen inappropriate content on the app (nudity, violence, spam, illegal activity) it is important that they know how to report this. In the app, select the three dots next to the comment section (Say something...) and tap the 'Report Broadcast' button.

You will then be asked to give information about why you are reporting this as inappropriate. You can select the following reasons: 'Self-Harm', 'Violence', 'Sexual Content', and 'Child Safety'.



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