Safety Card: Kik

Kik is a controversial messaging app popular with children and young people. When we carried out our routine reviews, product and online testing, we found that it appears to be an app for inappropriate behaviour.

Under their Terms of Service, Kik state that users must be 13+. There are no privacy controls, in fact anyone can search for a username and send them a message.

Stay safe on Kik using the instructions on muting new chats, blocking & reporting below.

🔒 Mute New Chats

Mute notifications for messages from new people;

> In the top left corner select the ⚙️

> Tap on Notifications.

> Swipe the tab on so it appears blue, then tap '**Yes, I'm Sure**'

❌ Block

Block a user using these simple instructions;

> Tap the user's name or profile picture you want to block.

> Tap their name at the top of the conversation and then •••

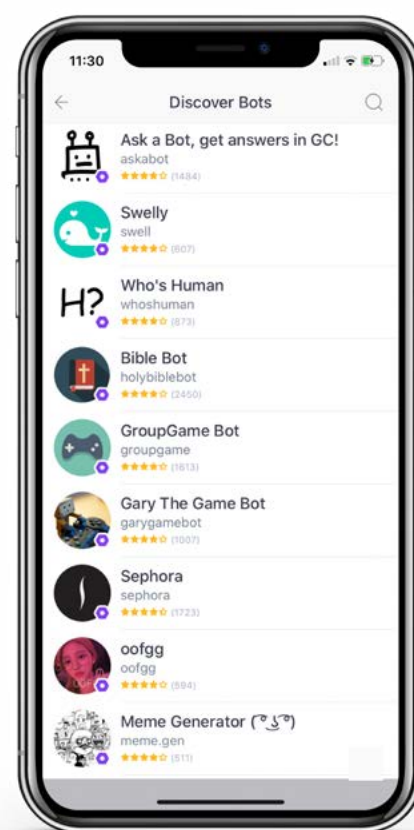> Tap on **'Block User'** and then **'Block'**.

🖥️ Report

Report a user using these simple instructions;

> Tap the user's name or profile picture you want to block.

> Tap their name at the top of the conversation and then •••

> Tap on **'Report User'** and then select why.

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