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Updated Safeguarding Information for Parents - 11th July 2024

[Snapchat introduces new safety features to limit bad actors from contacting users](#)

Snapchat recently announced a new suite of safety features, including updates to its account blocking functionality and enhanced friending safeguards, making it difficult for strangers to contact users on its platform. The new move comes amid concerns over [predators exploiting teens on social media apps](#), which often results in severe incidents, including sextortion.

One of the latest updates to address such issues is improving Snapchat's existing user blocking tool. It will block new friend requests sent from bad actors who were already blocked by the user when they are sent using other accounts created on the same device. This will help further limit outreach from other existing or new accounts created by the blocked account, Snap said in a statement.

Snapchat will also introduce more frequent reminders informing them about which friends they share their location with on the Snap Map. Additionally, Snapchat will gain a simplified location-sharing feature, which will make it easier to customize which friends can see their location. Snap recommends that users only share their live location with family members or close friends.

[New YouTube policy lets you request the removal of AI-generated content that uses your likeness](#)

YouTube quietly [added](#) a new policy last month that lets you request the removal of AI-generated content featuring your likeness. The new privacy violation policy, first [spotted by](#) *TechCrunch*'s Sarah Perez, allows you to flag videos that "used AI to alter or create synthetic content that looks or sounds like you."

