**How to report bullying or abuse on messaging apps**

**Instagram**

Bullying or abuse on Instagram can happen in many ways. It can be either negative comments, fake profiles or hacking of accounts. Their advice initially is to block and unfollow the person who is being abusive. However, if it continues or it has gotten worse, you can use their [in-app reporting tool](https://help.instagram.com/165828726894770). This page has details on how to report the abuse directly to them.

**Snapchat**

Snapchat is an app that allows users to send pictures to each other that disappear off screen within a set amount of time. Unfortunately, there is bullying on Snapchat in the form of screenshots, sending pics without permission, negative comments and more. If this is the case for you or someone you know they can block a user, tap the Menu icon, select “My Friends,” locate their name in the list and swipe right across their name. If you would like to delete a friend from your contacts, press “Delete.” Even if you haven’t added the user as a friend, their name will still appear in the “My Friends” list under “Recent” if they have sent you a message recently. If you receive an inappropriate photo or someone's harassing or bullying you, report it by filling out their [online form](https://support.snapchat.com/co/other-abuse).

**WhatsApp**

WhatsApp Messenger lets people sends instant messages, videos, photos, and short audio messages to either one person or within a group chat. Messages can only be sent to other smartphone users who also have WhatsApp. Once you install the app, it checks your address book to see if anyone else you know is already using WhatsApp, and connects you automatically. You have to be over 16 to use WhatsApp legally. Bullying can take many forms as it is a messaging service and we often hear of abusive group chats. You can block and delete the contact. You can find out more by emailing them at [support@whatsapp.com](mailto:support@whatsapp.com).

Answer these questions in your books:

1. What did the ‘Ditch the Label’ survey find out?
2. What age are social networking sites and apps for?
3. What did the national bullying survey find out?
4. What is the general rule in making a complaint about online bullying?
5. Facebook, Twitter and Youtube all have different ways to report bullying. Write about how to report online bullying for **ONE** social media platform you use the most.
6. Instagram, Snapchat and WhatsApp all have different ways to report bullying. Write about how to report online bullying for **ONE** messaging app you use the most.