

# Safeguarding for Youtube

## What is it?

An online video-sharing platform.

## Age restriction:

**13 and over** but videos can be watched without an account.

## Great for:

- With over a billion users, you can watch almost **any sort of content** you can think of - music videos, comedy, films, how-to guides, recipes, life hacks, educational lessons, motivational talks... etc.
- Learn **digital video skills** and produce creative, original content.
- **Express yourself** through your own channel - sharing thoughts with the world and even earning money as a YouTuber.
- Follow YouTubers, celebrities, and friends to get **regular content** tailored to interests.

## How can you make it safer?

- **Ask questions!** What are they watching? Who is their favourite YouTuber? Do they create content? What is appropriate to share?
- **YouTube Kids** is suitable for young children and **restricted mode** will bar potentially mature content for teenagers.
- Users should **not give out any personal identifiable details** in videos or in comments.
- If a user is experiencing harassment, they can **block and report** users.
- Users can **disable comments** on their own content to minimise cyberbullying.
- Posting a video can be delayed by **scheduling** - giving a user time to reconsider content before it is live.

## Risks:

- YouTube has an estimated 500 hours of video uploaded per minute, and a portion of that content can be **inappropriate or even harmful**; be it violent, criminal or talk of self-harm.
- With increasing live streaming, there is an increasing amount of **unmonitored content**.
- When reported, some content can take time to be removed.
- **Negative comments** can be hurtful and extend to bullying for some content creators (YouTubers).