Safeguarding for Twitch

What is it?

A **video live** streaming service

Age restriction:

13 and over

Great for:

- **Interacting** with gamers, musicians, and esports competitors, through creative content, and video game playthroughs.
- Finding creative content for things like art, cooking and fitness.
- **Quickly build live connections** with people who have similar interests.
- Within certain parameters, some gamers can **make money through views.**and subscribers.

How can you make it safer?

- **Explore the app together** - be open to talking about what content is, what you both like, and be open about what content is concerning.
- **Ask questions** and talk about why content might be concerning, or not.
- Channel owners can appoint **chat moderators** and have all new users agree to rules before joining.
- **'AutoMod'** can block certain offensive words before they are published to the channel.
- If a user is breaking Twitch's Terms of Service or Community Guidelines, any user can file a report, and **block that user.**
- Encourage users to find **age appropriate communities** that are friendly, so content will reflect that.
- Users can **block Whispers** (private messages) from people they don't know.

Risks:

- Live streaming is **unpredictable**, which makes it difficult to know what young people are watching.
- Some streams have a subculture of **adult or sexual themes and bad language.**
- Young people are at risk of **grooming** and explicit content, through Whispers, which are private messages from strangers.
- There can be some **violent content** through gaming streams.