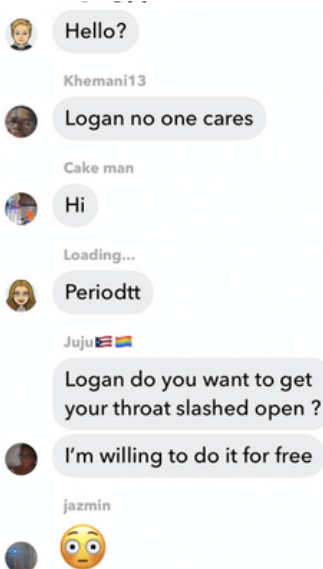


Online Safety



Wizz is a free social networking app that enables users to chat live online with strangers from around the world and exchange gifs, pictures, and videos. It is intended to be a place to make online friends however it works similarly to a dating app, where you are presented with other people's profiles and can choose to either swipe them away or swipe to start a conversation.

You must be 16 years or older to have a profile on Wizz and it includes age verification that is meant to vet your entered date of birth against a photo you supply of your face however it does allow younger users to create an account and the verification process is easy to get around.



What are the risks?

Once on the app, young people are able to mix with adults and can be connected if they accept each others' friend requests. Harmful content can easily be found and users can also expect to see content including swearing, sexual content, violence, drug/substance content, and much more either on others' profiles or in chat conversations.

The whole point of Wizz is chatting with strangers and, without a guarantee of age verification and chat moderation, catfishing, grooming, and online sexual abuse are all a possibility.

Talk about it

- Talk to young people about the potential risks and dangers of sharing personal information on Wizz and other social media app
- Encourage them to look at their privacy settings to see who can see what they're sharing
- Remind them that not everyone is who they say they are online and the dangers of talking to strangers, just as you would in the real world

Find more information on how to address online safety with young people:

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/social-media/chat-apps/>

<https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk/parents/Concerned-about-your-child/Online-contact-and-staying-safe/>

<https://saferinternet.org.uk/guide-and-resource/have-a-conversation>