Periscope

What is it?
Periscope is an app that allows users to live stream video from their phone. Users can see events happening live from around the world, or after the fact, from a replay of the stream. Users can sign up via their Twitter, Facebook, and Google accounts, or by phone number.

What is the age requirement?
Account holders must be at least 16 years of age to use Periscope.

Where can I learn more?
help.pscp.tv

Reporting/Blocking
Users can block other accounts in order to halt the following or viewing of their content. Users can report comments on Periscope videos for reasons such as abuse or spam. Similarly, users can report sensitive content during live broadcasts for reasons like self-harm, violence, sexual content, or activity that violates child safety.

3 Things Parents Should Know
1. All videos can be either public or private, depending on controls set by the user. If videos are set to private, the user chooses who can see it. If videos are set to public, the content is available on a global feed which allows it to be viewed by any Periscope user. By default, videos are initially set to public viewing, which is why it’s important to talk to your child about privacy settings and what they are allowed to share.

2. Periscope does not allow users to post about sexual content, alcohol, gambling, hate speech, illegal products or services, spam, violence or graphic imagery. However, if certain content is deemed as artistic or of public interest, Periscope may reserve the right to host it.

3. Broadcasters can go live solo or by inviting up to three guests to join them on a live stream. Viewers can also request to join the broadcast via the chat function. Discuss expectations with your teen and be clear about who they are allowed to interact with on the app, keeping safety and privacy in mind.

For more information:
fosi.org/parenting