

Snitching Versus Telling

Snitching and Telling Are Not the Same Thing

Snitching is when a child tells an adult about something another child did that is not going to hurt anyone. A lot of the time, it is about something that does not matter. It is done to get the other child in trouble.

Example: LaToya tells her teacher that she thinks Javon is looking at her in class.

Telling is when a child tells an adult about a serious situation where someone could get hurt.

Example: Joel hears Sam in the hall saying he's going to beat up his classmate. Joel finds Ms. Jones and tells her what he heard.

Talk With Your Child about Snitching and Telling

Use these questions to get started.

1. Can you tell me about a time that you used telling to get help from an adult?
2. Can you tell me about a time that you snitched to try to get someone in trouble? Have you ever heard someone else snitch?

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