# …the difference between snitching and reporting?

| Snitching is… | Reporting is… |
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| Telling an adult about something that doesn't cause harm to you or others.<br><br>Telling an adult something about someone that doesn't cause harm but is possibly embarrassing. | Telling an adult about something that causes harm to you or someone else, or something that is likely to cause harm in the future |
| To get someone else in trouble and *make yourself look good* by comparison | To protect yourself, others, and the school community |
| It can be *mean* or *selfish*. | It shows advocacy, *responsibility* and *integrity*. |
| *Example….* | *Example…* |
| You see someone picking up a penny that someone had dropped on the floor. You tell the principal and say that you would turn in any found money because it's just the right thing to do. | You see someone being bullied in the hallway. You report it because you know that **the person being bullied is hurting**. |
| You see someone using snapchat during class and you are telling the principal to show that you know the rules and they do not. | You have noticed that your friend is really depressed lately. You are reporting it because you want to **make sure your friend gets help.** |

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