

Happn is a location-based mobile dating app that relies on users to physically cross paths in real life for their profiles to show up on their feed. A user then chooses to like or dislike that profile, and allows users to chat if both parties like each other.

Every time you cross paths with another happn member in real life, their profile shows up on your timeline. On every profile you can see the number of times you've encountered this person. And if you don't want to see a person on Happn anymore, you just have to click on the cross button. Alternatively, if you both 'like' each other, you are prompted to a tab where you can begin to chat with that user.

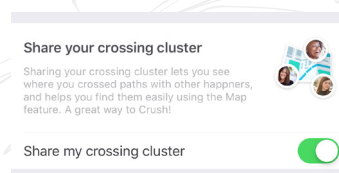
Challenges:

- *Fake profiles and catfish accounts*
- *Creates low self esteem*
- *Objectification*
- *Rejection*
- *Users can find themselves being sent sexually explicit messages*
- *Shares GPS radius location*
- *'Times You've Crossed' feature*
- *Safety concerns if users meet up*

Experiments have been conducted with the app to test its 'crossed paths' feature. The experiment involved two people crossing paths 7 to 8 times in the space of 2 weeks. By narrowing down each time they crossed paths, one user was able to accurately find where the other user lived.

There is no option to turn this feature off.

How Do I Turn Off Crossing Cluster?



Sharing your crossing clusters lets you see *where* you crossed paths and helps you find your matches easily by using the Map feature.

We recommend turning this off, to do so:

Open the app > Click profile icon on bottom right > Tap 'My Preferences' > Tap 'Share My Crossing Cluster' slider to turn off

From the 'My Preferences' menu, you can also hide your age, your last active date and or your distance.

Like any app Happn can be used safely and positively. Just be mindful of screen time and be aware of who you are connecting with. We always encourage open conversations around privacy and personal safety.

App Fact Sheets available from the Carly Ryan Foundation. Please email: info@carlyryanfoundation.com