Parental Control Resources

Exploring restrictions in apps and games as well as device based parental controls can help support your child's safe online experience.

In app restrictions for parents are vital to know about and implement for your child if they are spending time on games and social media. To begin with, check the links below to learn more about the options available to you to create visibility over what your child is able to access, who they communicate with and the areas they spend time in. When implementing these restrictions, be sure to check the date of birth your child has used to create their account for accuracy, as this will impact the effective implementation of these control features.

Tik Tok Safety Centre Instagram Family Safety Centre Snapchat Family Safety Centre Facebook Family Safety Centre YouTube Family Safety Centre Discord Safety Centre Twitch Safety Centre Minecraft Safety Centre Roblox Safety Centre Fortnight Safety Centre & Parental Controls

Implementing Google Safe Search for your child.

Now that we have the app and game restricted, it's time to check what can be done to help manage the settings on your child's device, and ensure they are only able to access appropriate content.

What do parental controls do?

Each parental control tool offers different features, but some of the most common reasons parents will implement these controls include:

- Filtering and blocking inappropriate content, especially pornography and violence
- Restricting screen time by the time of day or content category
- Disabling particular device or app features, for example, camera or in-app purchases
- Setting individual profiles for family members
- Device GPS-tracking
- Monitoring and reporting online activity
- Protecting personal information









What are some options parents can explore?

First and foremost, it is important to spend a bit of time looking into which tool suits you need best as a family. While we do not advocate for one product over another, some recommendations from us can be found below:

- <u>Qustodio</u>
- <u>Norton</u>
- <u>Life 360</u>
- <u>Bark</u>
- Kaspersky Safe Kids
- <u>McAfee</u>

We would recommend that whatever parental control you decide on, that it has the ability to control filters on mobile devices, laptops and iPads, as well as gaming consoles like PlayStation, Xbox and Nintendo.

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