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Parental Controls Android

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Setting Up Parental Controls on Your Child's Device

Android phones and devices are some of the best on the market, but kids can abuse them just like any other device. From games and in-app purchases to data usage and internet access, children are at risk of racking up a bill and encountering inappropriate content. Fortunately, Androids have parental controls at both the level of the device and the operating system. Parents can also manage their children's accounts through the Family Link app.

For instructions on your specific device, please visit

<https://www.bark.us/blog/parental-control-guide-apps-devices/>

How To Set Up Google Family Link

[Google Family Link](#) is an app that allows parents to view their child's smartphone activity, manage the apps they can use and download, set screen-time limits, lock their device, and even track their location.

Family Link does not block inappropriate content, but some apps have their own filtering options. Google apps, such as Search and Chrome, have filtering options that you can find in Family Link. For parents of teens 13 and older, Restricted Mode on YouTube is an optional setting that can be used to help filter out mature content. However, Google notes that these filters are not perfect, so explicit, graphic, or other content you may not want your child to see sometimes make it through.

Kids and teens who use Android devices running version 7.0 or higher can use Family Link. Some devices running Android

versions 5.0 and 6.0 may be able to run Family Link. Parents can use Family Link on any Android devices running versions 4.4 and higher as well as iPhones running iOS 9 and higher.

Family Link also runs on Chromebook. With the Family Link app, you can choose what websites your child can access using Chrome, supervise your child's app usage, and more. Family Link can be used with Chromebooks running Chrome OS versions 71 or higher.

[Click here to learn how to set up Google Family Link.](#)

Set Up a Passcode on the Device

It's crucial that you set up a passcode on your child's device. Not only will it prevent the device from being accessed by anyone other than you and your child, but it will also prevent your child's information from being accessed if the device is stolen.

1. Go to Apps.
2. Tap Settings.

3. Tap Lock Screen and Security.
4. Tap Screen Lock Type.
5. Tap either A) Pin, B) Pattern, or C) Password.

What's the difference between Pin, Password, and Pattern?

- Pin lock requires you to input 4-16 digits.
- Password lock requires you to input a combination of numbers and letters.
- Pattern lock requires you to draw a pattern by connecting dots on the screen.

After you have entered either a password, pin, or pattern, tap CONTINUE, re-enter the password, and tap DONE.

You can also set up Face Recognition, Intelligent Scan, Fingerprint Scanner, and Iris Scanner. To do this:

1. Go to Apps.
2. Tap Settings.
3. Tap Biometrics.
4. Tap either A) Fingerprint, B) Face Recognition, C) Intelligent Scan, or D) Iris Scanner

What's the difference between Fingerprint, Face Recognition, Intelligent Scan, and Iris Scanner?

- Fingerprint scan uses your fingerprint to unlock the device.
- Face Recognition uses your face to unlock the device.
- Iris Scanner uses your eyes to unlock the device by pointing them at the iris scanner.
- Intelligent Scan uses both your face and your eyes to unlock the device.

Restrict Data Usage

Turn Off Mobile Data and Wi-Fi

By disabling both Wi-Fi and mobile data, you can prevent your child from accessing the internet or downloading apps.

1. Go to Settings.
2. Tap Connections.
3. Tap Wi-Fi.
4. Toggle Wi-Fi Off.
5. Tap OK.
6. Go back to Settings.
7. Tap Connections.
8. Tap Data Usage.
9. Toggle Mobile Data Off.
10. Tap OK.

Only Use Wi-Fi

If you turn mobile data off but leave Wi-Fi on, you will restrict your child from using the internet unless they are around an open Wi-Fi signal.

1. Go to Settings.
2. Tap Connections.
3. Tap Data Usage.
4. Toggle Mobile Data Off.
5. Tap OK.

Set Up a Mobile Data Limit

1. Go to Settings.
2. Tap Connections.
3. Tap Mobile Data Usage.
4. Tap the Settings icon
5. Tap Start Billing Cycle On.
6. Scroll to the day of the month your billing cycle starts on and tap Set.
7. Toggle Set Data Limit On.
8. Tap Data Limit.
9. Enter the data limit that you would like to set.

To Turn On Data Usage Warnings

1. Go to Settings.
2. Tap Connections.
3. Tap Mobile Data Usage.
4. Tap the Settings icon.
5. Tap Data Warning.
6. Enter the data limit that you would like the phone to reach before you are warned.

Parental Controls on the Google Play Store

Google Play parental controls are a great way to help restrict your child's access to mature content.

1. Open the Play Store app.
2. Tap the Menu button.
3. Tap Settings.
4. Tap Parental Controls.
5. Toggle Parental Controls On.
6. Create a PIN.

Now you can tap Apps & Games, Films, TV, Magazines, or Music. Each of these options will allow you to restrict access to each content type by maturity.

Microsoft Family Safety App

The Microsoft Family Safety app allows parents to set screen-time limits on all Microsoft-affiliated devices, including Xbox, Xbox 360, Xbox One, Microsoft Surface, Windows 10 devices, Windows 7 devices, and Windows Vista devices. Parents can use the app to create search filters and block mature content. The app also has built-in location sharing so you

can track family members.

How to Add a Child to Your Microsoft Family Account

1. Visit account.microsoft.com/family.
2. Sign in with your personal Microsoft account and then select Add a Family Member.
3. Select Child.
4. Enter your child's email address or phone number and select Send Invite.
5. Make sure your child accepts your invitation.