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## Parental Controls iPhone

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# Setting Up Parental Controls on Your Child's Device

Apple devices have lots of ways for parents to control safety, privacy, and other types of settings. Similar to the Family Link app found on Android phones, Apple offers Family Sharing that affords parents the ability to manage their children's accounts. Software updates roll out quickly though, and we always advise parents to install the latest version so they can keep up with all the new features.

## Getting the Most Out of iOS 14

These step-by-step instructions will guide you through the most important Parental Control features available to you on iOS 14:

- Getting started with Apple Family Sharing
- Setting up Screen Time content and privacy controls
- Taking advantage of the new controls suite

## Photo Privacy

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3. Tap Location Services.
4. Tap Camera.
5. Under Allow Location Access, choose Never.

## Apple Family Sharing

In order to utilize Apple's iOS 14 update to Parental Controls, you'll need to have a child set up (if your child is already set up, feel free to skip this step). To do this, you'll need to enable Family Sharing. You'll be able to add more than one parent to serve as the privilege holder and have control of these settings from their respective devices—as long as the parent Apple IDs are linked.

If you need to change or update your child's birthday, you can find instructions at <https://support.apple.com/en-us/HT204164>.

## Creating Your Family Sharing Account

Family Sharing allows you to share controls for purchases, storage, locations, calendars, and more with members of your family. Simply select features to share and send invitations. You'll be able to add up to six children with Family Sharing, although you won't be able to add children who are 18 years or older.

To begin, go into the Settings app on your primary parent device (iPhone or iPad). From there, tap the Apple ID button, and then tap Set up Family Sharing > Get Started. You will then be able to select apps and features to share across your family's iCloud account.

There are a number of great options to consider, including:

- iTunes and App Store Purchases
- Apple Music
- iCloud Storage
- Location Sharing
- Screen Time

Selecting each of these options will prompt you to tap either Add Child or Create a Child Account.

To add a child, simply enter their Apple ID and Password, and then tap Next. They will then receive an invitation to join the family. As soon as they accept, your family's settings will apply to their account.

To create a child account, enter their birthday, agree to the Parent Privacy Disclosure, and confirm you are the parent by entering the CCV code found on the

back of the credit card registered to your account. You can then enter your child's name, create an Apple ID, and set a password for them. Your child will automatically be added to your family.

When you've finished, you'll be directed to the control suite for each feature offered by iOS 14. For the purposes of setting and managing Parental Controls, you should focus on Screen Time.

## Screen Time

Screen Time will give you insights about how much time you're using your device, and you can set limits for managing:

- **Downtime & App Limits:** Set a schedule for time away from the screen and set daily time limits for app categories you want to manage.
- **Content & Privacy Restrictions:** Restrict settings for explicit content, purchases and downloads, and privacy.

## How To Turn On Screen Time

1. On your child's iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch, go to Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap Turn On Screen Time.
4. Tap Continue.
5. Select This is My Child's [device].

You can set up Screen Time and create settings on your child's device, or you can use Family Sharing to configure your child's device from your own device. After you set up your child's device, you can also use Family Sharing to view reports and adjust settings at any time from your own device.

## How To Use Family Sharing to Set Up Screen Time

*If you're already in a family group*

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap your child's name.

*If you need to create an Apple ID for your child*

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap [your name].
3. Tap Family Sharing.
4. Tap Screen Time.
5. Tap Add Family Member.
6. Tap Create a Child Account.
7. Tap Next.

*If you're new to Family Sharing*

1. Tap Set Up Screen Time for Family.
2. Follow the instructions to add a child and set up your family. You can add family members any time from Family Sharing settings.

*NOTE: To use Screen Time with Family Sharing, you need to be the family organizer or parent/guardian in your family group on iOS 12 or iOS 13. Your child must be under age 18, in your family group with their own Apple ID, and on iOS 12 or iOS 13.*

## How To Create a Screen Time Passcode

With Screen Time, you can also create a dedicated passcode to secure settings so only you can extend time or make changes.

To change or turn off the passcode on your child's device:

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.

3. Tap [your child's name].
4. Tap Change Screen Time Passcode or Turn Off Screen Time Passcode.
5. Authenticate the change with Face ID, Touch ID, or your device passcode.

## How To View Your Report

Screen Time gives you a detailed report about how your device is used, apps you've opened, and websites you've visited, any time you want to see it.

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap the graph.

If you turned on Share Across Devices, you can view overall usage across devices that are signed in with your Apple ID and password.

## How To Set Communication Limits

This new feature, only available for iOS 13, lets parents choose whom their child can contact and who can contact their child during allowed Screen Time and Downtime.

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap [your child's name].
4. Tap Communication Limits.
5. If asked, enter your passcode.
6. Choose Everyone or Contacts Only.

*Note: You also have the ability to manage your child's contacts.*

## How To Set Content and Privacy Restrictions

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap Continue.

4. Choose This is My Child's [Device].
5. Follow the prompts until you get to Parent Passcode and enter a passcode.
6. Re-enter the passcode to confirm.
7. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions.
8. If asked, enter your passcode.
9. Turn on Content & Privacy Restrictions.

### **How To Prevent iTunes & App Store Purchases**

1. Go to Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions.
4. If asked, enter your passcode.
5. Tap iTunes & App Store Purchases.
6. Choose a setting and set to Don't Allow.

You can also change your password settings for additional purchases from the iTunes & App Store or Book Store. Follow steps 1-3, then choose Always Require or Don't Require.

### **How To Turn On Ask to Buy**

With Ask to Buy and Family Sharing, whenever a child initiates a new purchase or free download, a request goes to the family organizer. The organizer can review the item and approve the purchase or decline the request right from their own iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch. If the family organizer approves the purchase, the content downloads automatically to their family member's device. If they decline, no purchase or download will take place.

*NOTE: The family organizer can turn on Ask to Buy for any family member who isn't an adult. It's on by default for any children under 13, and you'll be*

*asked to set up Ask to Buy when inviting anyone under 18 to your family group.*

#### *On iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch*

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap [your name].
3. Tap Family Sharing (if you're using iOS 10.2 or earlier, go to Settings > iCloud and tap Family).
4. Tap your family member's name.
5. Tap Ask to Buy.

#### *On Mac*

1. Click Apple menu.
2. Click System Preferences.
3. Click iCloud.
4. Click Manage Family.
5. Select your family member's name.
6. Select Ask to Buy.

*NOTE: If you created your child's account using Apple ID for Students, you can use Ask to Buy for personal purchases outside of the educational institution. It won't apply to any apps or other content distributed by the school.*

### **How To Approve or Decline an Ask to Buy Request**

1. Open the notification to see the item your family member wants to get.
2. Approve or decline the purchase.
3. If you decline the request or don't make the purchase, it will be deleted after 24 hours and the child will need to make the request again.
4. If you approve, you need to sign in with your Apple ID and password to make the purchase.
5. After the item is purchased, it's added

to your child's account and shared with the rest of the family group.

*NOTE: If your child downloads a previous purchase again, downloads a shared purchase, installs an update, or uses a redemption code in the store, you won't get a notification.*

### **How To Give Another Guardian Permission to Manage Ask to Buy Requests**

*On iPhone, iPad, or iPod touch*

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap [your name].
3. Tap Family Sharing.
4. Tap your family member.
5. Tap Parent/Guardian.
6. If you're using iOS 10.2 or earlier, go to Settings > iCloud > Family.

*On Mac*

1. Click Apple menu.
2. Click System Preferences.
3. Click iCloud.
4. Select your family member.
5. Select Parent/Guardian.

*NOTE: Only one adult needs to manage each purchase, and after it's done, the purchase is final.*

### **How To Restrict Built-In Apps and Features**

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions.
4. Enter your Screen Time passcode.
5. Tap Allowed Apps.
6. Select the apps you want to allow.

*NOTE: If you turn off an app or feature, it won't delete it, it's just temporarily hidden from the Home Screen. For example, if you turn off Mail, the Mail app won't appear on the Home Screen until you turn it back on.*

### **How To Prevent Explicit Content and Content Ratings**

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions.
4. Tap Content Restrictions.
5. Choose the settings you want for each feature or setting under Allowed Store Content.

### **Here Are the Types of Content You Can Restrict**

- **Ratings For:** Select the country or region in the ratings section to automatically apply the appropriate content ratings for that region.
- **Music, Podcasts & News:** Prevent the playback of music, music videos, podcasts, and news containing explicit content.
- **Music Profiles & Posts:** Prevent sharing what you're listening to with friends and seeing what they're listening to.
- **Movies:** Prevent movies with specific ratings.
- **TV shows:** Prevent TV shows with specific ratings.
- **Books:** Prevent content with specific ratings.
- **Apps:** Prevent apps with specific ratings.

### **How To Restrict Siri Web Search**

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.

3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions.
4. Tap Content Restrictions.
5. Scroll down to Siri.
6. Choose your settings.

### You Can Restrict These Siri Features

- **Web Search Content:** Prevent Siri from searching the web when you ask a question.
- **Explicit Language:** Prevent Siri from displaying explicit language.

### How To Restrict Game Center

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions.
4. Tap Content Restrictions.
5. Scroll down to Game Center.
6. Choose your settings.

### You Can Restrict These Game Center Features

- **Multiplayer Games:** Prevent the ability to play multiplayer games.
- **Adding Friends:** Prevent the ability to add friends to Game Center.
- **Screen Recording:** Prevent the ability to capture the screen and sound.

### How To Prevent Web Content

iOS can automatically filter website content to limit access to adult content in Safari and apps on your device. You can also add specific websites to an approved or blocked list, or you can limit access to only approved websites.

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions.
4. Enter your Screen Time passcode.

5. Tap Content Restrictions.
6. Tap Web Content.
7. Choose Unrestricted Access, Limit Adult Websites, or Allowed Websites Only.
8. Depending on the access you allow, you might need to add information, like the website that you want to restrict.

### How To Make Changes to Privacy Settings

The privacy settings on your device give you control over which apps have access to information stored on your device or the hardware features. For example, you can allow a social-networking app to request access to use the camera, which allows you to take and upload pictures.

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions.
4. If asked, enter your passcode.
5. Tap Privacy.
6. Choose the settings you want to restrict.

### Here Are the Things You Can Restrict

- **Location Services:** Lock the settings to allow apps and websites to use location.
- **Contacts:** Prevent apps from accessing your Contacts.
- **Calendars:** Prevent apps from accessing your Calendar.
- **Reminders:** Prevent apps from accessing your Reminders.
- **Photos:** Prevent apps from requesting access to your photos.
- **Bluetooth Sharing:** Prevent devices and apps from sharing data through Bluetooth.
- **Share My Location:** Lock the settings for location sharing in

Messages and Find My Friends.

- **Microphone:** Prevent apps from requesting access to your microphone.
- **Speech Recognition:** Prevent apps from accessing Speech Recognition or Dictation.
- **Advertising:** Prevent changes to advertising settings.
- **Media & Apple Music:** Prevent apps from accessing your photos, videos, or music library.

### How To Make Changes to Additional Settings and Features

1. Tap Settings.
2. Tap Screen Time.
3. Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions.
4. If asked, enter your passcode.
5. Under Allow Changes, select the features or settings you want to allow changes to and choose Allow or Don't Allow.

### Here Are Some Features and Settings You Can Allow Changes For

- **Passcode Changes:** Prevent changes to your passcode.
- **Account Changes:** Prevent changes to settings for Accounts & Passwords.
- **Cellular Data Changes:** Prevent changes to cellular data settings.
- **Volume Limit:** Prevent changes to volume settings for safe listening.
- **Do Not Disturb While Driving:** Prevent changes to Do Not Disturb While Driving.
- **TV Provider:** Prevent changes to TV provider settings.
- **Background App Activities:** Prevent changes to whether or not apps run in the background.

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### Downtime & App Limits

Downtime allows you to decide how long your child can use their phone as determined by the set time frame. Use the Start and End times to set a schedule regulating your child's screen time, then tap Set Downtime.

App Limits allows you to set up time limits on application usage that will make the apps inaccessible outside of the time frame you establish. Your child can request permission for more time.

Note that a parent will only be able to restrict apps based on categories (not specific applications) that are designated

by Apple. The available categories include:

- All Apps & Categories
- Social Networking
- Games
- Entertainment
- Creativity
- Productivity
- Education
- Reading & Reference
- Health & Fitness
- Other

When your child starts using an app that falls under any of the categories you've selected, their activity will be shown in the Screen Time window. Tap the hourglass icon to customize the allowable screen time.

### **Content & Privacy Restrictions**

This feature will allow you to restrict your child from viewing mature or explicit content within native Apple apps like iTunes, the App Store, Websites, and Music. You will also be able to set permissions to restrict them from changing the privacy settings on the iOS device.

Select Content & Privacy > Continue to begin. You will then be required to set a passcode to disable Screen Time. This passcode is for your use only! If you've already set a passcode, you can find options to change or remove it at the bottom of the Screen Time page.

Options on this page include:

- **iTunes and App Store Purchases:**  
Restrict the ability to install or delete apps or make in-app

purchases. You may require a password to do so instead.

- **Allowed Apps:** Restrict which native Apple apps your child can use (Mail, Safari, FaceTime, etc.).
- **Content Restrictions:** Restrict the content your child can access across the entire device. Generally speaking, this feature ensures that your child can't access explicit content, such as movies or TV shows over a certain rating, explicit books or music, or explicit web content searched through Safari.