Setting up Parental Controls on Android Devices (Google Play)

Apps and features you can restrict

To see a list of apps and features that you can restrict, go to Settings > General > Restrictions. To turn restrictions on or off, tap the slider next to the app or feature.

If an app or feature is on or if there's a checkmark next to it, anyone using your device can use that app or feature. Otherwise, no one can use that app or feature on your device.

How Google Play parental controls work

- Parental controls work on Android devices where your child is signed in to their Google Account.
- A parent in the family group needs to use their Google Account password to set up or change their child's parental control settings.

Set up parental controls

1. Open the Family Link app .
2. Select your child.
3. On the "Settings" card, tap **Manage Settings** > **Controls on Google Play**.
4. Tap the type of content you want to filter.
5. Choose how to filter or restrict access.

Note: You can also manage this setting by clicking on your child's name at families.google.com .

How parental controls work

The way parental controls work varies across Apps & Games, Music, Movies, TV, and Books. Read the sections below to learn more.

Note: Parental controls for each type of content aren't available in every country. If you travel to a country where they aren't available, they might not work until you get back home.

Movies

When you set up parental controls for movies, you can choose the highest rating you want to allow for rental, purchase, or playback.

However, you may still be able to see movies outside of our filter when you search, or by visiting them using a direct link to the content's page.

If movies are restricted because of parental controls, you won't see them in the Play Store app or in the Play Movies app, even if you've already rented or purchased them.

You can turn parental controls off to see these movies again.

Apps & Games

When you set up parental controls for apps and games, you can choose the highest content rating you want to allow for downloads or purchases.

However, you may still be able to see apps and games outside of your filter when you search, or by visiting them using a direct link to the app's page.

Note: You'll still be able to see any apps and games you downloaded before you added parental controls, even if they're outside of the rating you set.

How parental controls for games work in Play Games

Parental controls don't change the games you see in the Play Games app, including games you've bought or recommended games.

If you try to install a game using the Play Games app, you'll be taken to the Play Store app where your parental controls settings may restrict access.

TV

When you set up parental controls for TV shows, you can choose the highest rating you want to allow for purchase or playback.

However, you may still be able to see TV shows outside of our filter when you search, or by visiting them using a direct link to the content's page.

If TV shows are restricted because of parental controls, you won't see them on the Play Store app or in the Play Movies & TV app, even if you've already purchased them.

You can turn Parental controls off to see these shows again.

Books

When you set up parental controls for books, you won't be able to read or purchase most sexually explicit books from the Play Store app and the Play Books app.

However, you may still be able to see books outside of our filter when you search, or by visiting them using a direct link to the content's page.

You can turn parental controls off to see these books again.

While setting up parental controls won't catch 100% of sexually explicit books in Google Play, it should help you avoid most adult content.

Music

When you set up parental controls for music, you won't be able to purchase music that's marked Explicit by content providers.

However, you may still be able to see music outside of our filter when you search, or by visiting them using a direct link to the content's page.

Parental controls for music only apply to the Play Store app. Parental controls don't change the music you see in the Play Music app, including purchased music, uploaded music, or subscription tracks.