

Setting Parental Controls on Windows 10

Windows 10 is the latest operating system available for PCs. It allows for a seamless connection between PCs, Windows phones, Surface devices, and Xbox One gaming consoles. All your parental controls for Windows 10 are found in Microsoft Family, where you'll also handle parental controls for your other Microsoft devices.

How to add child accounts to your family

First, you'll add a Family user account to your computer. There you'll indicate that the account is for a child under your supervision, and then you'll setup all content and usage restrictions through Microsoft Family. Both you and your child will need a [Microsoft Account](https://signup.live.com/?lic=1), <https://signup.live.com/?lic=1> so if you do not have one, start there.

1. Open the **Windows Settings** menu and choose **Accounts**.
2. Choose **Family & Other People** from the left sidebar menu.
3. Under **Your Family**, click **Add a Family Member**.
4. Enter the email address associated with your child's Microsoft account.
5. Open your child's email account, find the email from Microsoft, and click the link to confirm that they are your child and need to be added to your Microsoft Family.

How to access parental control settings

1. Choose **Accounts** from your **Windows Settings** menu.
2. Look at the **Family & Other People** menu again. Now, you should see your child's account and the option to **Manage Family Settings Online**.
3. Click **Manage Family Settings Online**. This opens the **Microsoft Family Parental Control** page in your browser.
4. Menu options on the right allow you to monitor each child's activity and set your parental controls. The three most important areas are:
 1. Web Browsing
 2. Apps, Games, & Media
 3. Screen Time
5. In the **Web Browsing** section, you'll find Windows automatically blocks search results and filters websites that contain potentially inappropriate content. Any website that hasn't yet been added to Microsoft's blacklist will still be accessible, and so will user-generated content on "safe" sites. Note that these controls only work on Internet Explorer and Microsoft Edge — Microsoft

parental controls block access to other browsers by default. If you want, you can disable the block on other browsers and use additional parental control methods to protect those browsers.

6. In the **Apps, Games, & Media** section, you'll be able to block inappropriate apps and games. Microsoft already blocks kids from mature movies and games. These settings will apply to all Windows 10 PCs and Mobile devices, Windows Phone 8, and Xbox One.
 1. Here you can set what content the child can buy, download, and stream, based on their age. Microsoft defaults it to the child's current age, but you can adjust it to whatever you think is best.
7. Finally, you can set screen time limits and schedules for each day of the week. You can set limits from 0 to 12 hours in half-hour increments. The default access schedule is from 7 a.m. to 10 p.m. each day.
 1. If your child needs to use any Windows device outside the screen time limits you set, they have the option to request additional time. You'll receive an email where you can either approve or deny the request.

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.