

Parental Control of Streaming Services

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Amazon Prime allows account holders to create up to six individual user profiles—including [Kids profiles](#). When using a Kids profile, purchases are disabled and only content with a maturity rating of 12-and-under will be accessible.

To create a profile for your child, log into the Prime Video website and complete the following:

- On the Prime Video homepage, go to the [Who's Watching?](#) drop-down menu and select [Add New](#).
- Enter the name for the profile.
- Toggle the button next to [Kid's profile?](#) to turn on the Kids Profile feature.
- Click [Save Changes](#) to confirm the new profile.

Amazon Prime also allows you to set a PIN to [password-protect content](#) that you do not want your child to have access to. If your child attempts to bypass their Kids profile by logging into an adult's profile, this can prevent them from viewing age-inappropriate content.

To set your PIN, log into your account on your computer and complete the following:

- Select [Hello \[your name\] Account and Lists](#) at the top of your screen.
- Choose [Your Account](#) from the drop-down menu.
- Scroll down to [Digital Content and Devices](#) and choose [Video Settings](#).
- Select [Parental Controls](#). Enter your new PIN and save.
- To use your new PIN to set viewing restrictions for your child, scroll down further and select the ratings categories you would like to restrict (i.e. R or TV-MA).
- In this section, you will also have the option to apply these restrictions only to specific devices registered with your Amazon Prime account, such as your family's television or your child's smartphone.

Once these restrictions are set, anyone wishing to stream restricted content will be required to enter the PIN prior to viewing.



To set [parental controls](#) and purchase restrictions for your child on Apple TV, you must create a four-digit PIN. Once created, this PIN will be required to access the restrictions settings in your account.

To create the PIN:

- Turn on your Apple TV device and select **Settings** at the bottom of the main screen.
- Select **General** and then choose **Restrictions**.
- Enter your new four-digit PIN and click **OK**.
- On the **Restrictions** page, you can now turn on the following features:
 - **Restrict**: Makes the PIN required for purchases, rentals, or apps
 - **Allow**: Will remove the PIN-protection from purchases, rentals, or apps
 - **Block**: Allows you to block specific content or apps
 - **Show**: Allows you to un-block specific content or apps

You will also have the option to make restrictions based on the app or content type:

- iTunes Store: You can choose to **Restrict**, **Allow**, or **Block** purchases or rentals on the iTunes Store.
- Movies, TV Shows, and Apps: You can filter or block content based on age or maturity ratings.
- Music: Choose **Clean** to filter out music or podcasts with explicit content.
- Siri: Choose the **Hide** feature to filter out mature language.
- Multiplayer Games and Screen Recording: Select **Yes** or **No** to allow/disallow these features.

If you have Netflix, Hulu, Amazon Prime, or other streaming apps installed on your Apple TV, you will need to set parental controls using those individual accounts.



Disney Plus will allow you to create a unique [profile for your child](#). To do so, log in and choose your profile. You must create a profile for yourself before completing the following steps.

- Select your profile, and then choose **Edit Profiles**. Then click **Add Profile**.
- Enter a name for the new profile and an image for the profile icon.
- Select **Kids Profile** to turn on viewing restrictions. If **Kids Profile** is toggled on, your child will only be able to use their profile to access content rated G, TV-Y, TV-Y7/Y7-FV, or TV-G.
- Save the page to confirm your changes.

Disney Plus does not allow users to set a PIN to password-protect content or other profiles. There is currently no mechanism to prevent your child from accessing your Disney Plus profile to view restricted content.

hulu

Hulu allows parents to create individual profiles for their children and adjust their [content restrictions](#). Up to six individual profiles may be created.

To create a profile for your child, log into Hulu on the web and complete the following.

- On the **Who's Watching?** screen, click the **+** to add a profile.
- Enter the name of your child.
- To restrict content, you can turn on the **Kids** feature to make only kid-friendly movies and TV shows viewable.
- You also can choose to leave the **Kids** feature off and enter your child's age instead. If your child is under the age of 13, they will not be able to watch any R-rated or TV-MA content.
- To save the new profile, click **Create Profile**.

There is currently no way to prevent your child from logging into your profile to view restricted content.



NETFLIX

Netflix allows subscribers to create up to five unique profiles within one Netflix account. Parents can use this feature to create profiles for their children and then set [viewing restrictions](#) for those profiles.

To create a profile for your child, log into Netflix on the web.

- On the **Who's Watching?** screen, select **Add Profile** on the far right. If you have already created five profiles, this option will not appear.
- Enter the name of your child and click **Continue**.
- Navigate to **Manage Profiles** by clicking the pencil icon on the account. The drop-down labeled **Allowed TV Shows and Movies** will allow you to select from four general viewing restriction settings:
 - **For Little Kids Only:** G-rated content only
 - **For Older Kids and Below:** PG and G-rated content only
 - **For Teens and Below:** PG-13, PG, and G-rated content only
 - **All Maturity Levels:** No restrictions
- You can complete this process for each of your children's profiles.

You may also set parental controls by allowing specific content maturity levels only. To do so, log into your profile (not your child's).

- Click your icon in the top right of your screen and choose **Account**. Scroll to the **Profile and Parental Controls** section.
- In this section, click the drop-down arrow next to your child's profile. Select **Viewing Restrictions** and click **Change**.
- You will be prompted to re-enter your password.
- Select the maturity level that you want to allow for your child's viewing (i.e. PG) and click **Save**.

You can also prevent your child from viewing specific titles in the Netflix catalog.

- Click your icon in the top right of your screen and choose **Account**. Scroll to the **Profile and Parental Controls** section.
- In this section, click the drop-down arrow next to your child's profile. Select **Viewing Restrictions** and click **Change**.
- You will be prompted to re-enter your password.
- Select **Title Restrictions** and enter the name of any TV show or film that you want to prevent your child from viewing. Click **Save**.

If you have these parental controls engaged, you may also wish to prevent your child from bypassing these controls by choosing your profile when they access Netflix. Netflix allows you to create a PIN that must be entered every time your profile is selected. To make your account PIN-protected, log into Netflix and select your profile.

- Click your icon in the top right of your screen and choose **Account**. Scroll to the **Profile and Parental Controls** section.
- In this section, click the drop-down arrow next to your child's profile. Select **Viewing Restrictions** and click **Change**.
- You will be prompted to re-enter your password.
- Click the checkbox next to **Require a PIN** and enter a 4-digit PIN that your child will not be able to guess. Click **Save**.
- These parental controls should prevent your child from viewing content that is not age appropriate. However, you can always check your child's profile viewing history by completing the following:
 - Click your icon in the top right of your screen and choose **Account**. Scroll to the **Settings** section.
 - Choose **Recent Device Streaming Activity**. Here, you should be able to view what has been streamed from your account's profiles and on which devices.



YouTube Kids is an app designed to provide a safer and more contained environment for kids on YouTube. Parents can create up to eight profiles for their children on YouTube Kids and approve content, set screen time limits, track what their kids are watching, and [more](#). YouTube Kids content can be viewed without signing in or creating an account, but if your child has their own devices you can also set up a YouTube Kids account for them. The age groups to choose from are **Preschool** (kids 4 and under), **Younger** (kids 8 and under), or **Older** (kids 8 to 12).



To set up a YouTube Kids account for your child, you must first have Google's [Family Link](#) app installed.

- To create a YouTube Kids account for your child, open the Family Link app and select **Create +** on the home screen.
- Follow the prompts to set up your child's YouTube Kids account.
- To adjust the content settings for your child's account, select your child's account on the Family Link home screen.
- Open Settings and select **Manage Settings**.
- Choose **More** and then **YouTube Kids**.
- You can now toggle on/off your child's ability to search for videos and select a content level based on their age.

To sign into YouTube, users must have a Google account that meets the minimum age requirement of 13 years old. YouTube videos can be viewed without signing in, with the exception of videos that require age verification.