

# Setting Up Parental Controls

Internet Browsers Setting up parental controls on a web browser allows you to manage which sites your children can access when they are online. These quick tips will show you how to set up parental controls on Microsoft Edge and Google Chrome. We have also included filtering instructions for YouTube here too.

## MICROSOFT EDGE

You can set up web filters that'll work across Windows 10, Xbox, and Android phones with **Microsoft Family Safety** installed. Note that for the settings to work, your child will have to use Microsoft Edge. To set up filters, go to [family.microsoft.com](https://family.microsoft.com) and sign in with your Microsoft account, and follow the steps below.



1. Find your child's name and select **Content restrictions**.
2. Scroll down to **Web browsing** and switch **Block inappropriate websites** from **Off** to **On**.
3. If you want to always block specific sites, add their URLs under **Always blocked**.
4. If you want your child to only see websites you've explicitly allowed, check the box next to **Only allow these websites**.



**Note:** With this setting on, the following browsers will be automatically blocked: Chrome, Samsung Internet Browser, Firefox, Opera, Opera mini, Puffin Web Browser, Firefox for Android Beta, Chrome Beta.

## GOOGLE CHROME

The easiest way to quickly set up a safe online experience is by turning on **SafeSearch**.



1. While signed into your own Google account, you can do this by going to [google.com/preferences](https://google.com/preferences).
2. There, click the box beside "**Turn on SafeSearch**" and then scroll to the bottom of the page and save.
3. Most explicit results will now be filtered out of Google searches.



*SafeSearch only applies to Google search, and will not protect against typing in websites or clicking on links from other sources.*

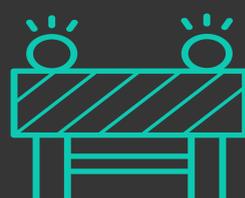
The most comprehensive way to keep your child safe when using Chrome is to set up **Google Family Link** and create an account (or link an existing Gmail account) to the managed plan.



1. You can download Family Link onto an **iPhone** or an **Android** device, and then go through the setup that will be shared with you step-by-step once you launch the app.
2. Once in place, Google Family Link will let you manage the apps your child can use, limit screen time (and even lock the device as needed), and limit and view web activity.

### How to block specific websites on Google Chrome

If you are just looking to block your child from accessing certain websites, you can do so easily with a **Chrome extension**. Go to the **Chrome Web Store** site for a good selection of such extensions.



## YOUTUBE

### Browser-Based Parental Controls

1. Go to **YouTube.com**, click **Sign In** and log into your **Google account**. When complete, you should be brought back to the homepage.
2. Click on your **Profile icon** in the top right corner.
3. Click **Restricted Mode** in the menu.
4. Turn On **Restricted Mode**.
5. **Close the window**. YouTube looks like it refreshes after that last step, but you'll still see the same content as you did before you enabled Restricted Mode.
6. **Re-open YouTube**, and confirm you've enabled restricted mode by clicking your profile icon and looking for that setting to be labelled as On.



### App-based Parental Controls

1. Open your **YouTube app** and sign in.
2. Tap your **profile icon** to go into your **Account**. You'll see it at the top-right of your screen. It'll be your YouTube account's icon.
3. Choose **Settings**.
4. Tap **Restricted Mode Filtering**. Once you tap on that, you'll be brought to a simple page to set your filter.
5. Hit the **close button** to confirm the setting.
6. Pull down on the list of videos to refresh the feed.

