

Parental Controls Guide

For the PlayStation®4



Raising kids has never been more challenging, particularly when it comes to the media our children consume. Yet computer and video games are among the easiest of entertainment products for parents to control. Using the ESRB ratings, and your system's parental controls, will help ensure a fun, secure, and appropriate gaming experience for you and your family.

TIPS

- The default settings block content based on registered user age and restrict chat with other players.
- Be sure to set up sub accounts for each child.

YOU CAN ALSO USE PARENTAL CONTROLS TO MANAGE

- Access to DVD and Blu-ray movies by MPAA rating
- The entire use of your PlayStation by choosing "Restrict Use of PS4 Features." Or create sub accounts for your children (through "Sub Account Management") to monitor their online experience

SETTING UP THE PLAYSTATION 4 PARENTAL CONTROLS

1. From the Dynamic Menu, using the left stick or directional pad, go to "Settings," then select "Parental Controls" by pressing the "X" button. Here there will be options available for managing sub accounts and restricting the use of PS4 features.
2. Select "Restrict Use of PS4 Features" by pressing the "X" button and then select "Application" (games and apps) to apply the appropriate parental control.
3. PS4 parental controls are enforced by a four-digit passcode. The default is 0000 (four zeros). It is recommended that you reset this from the "Restrict Use of PS4 features" menu. Using the "X" button, select "Change Passcode," enter the current code and you will be prompted to enter your new code. Select something easy to remember this will be required to enter to adjust the Parental Controls settings.
4. A number system indicates the level of restriction with higher numbers indicating tighter restrictions. Numbers range from Level 1 through Level 11 and correspond with an ESRB Rating Category, with additional levels in between. Setting a restriction at one level will prevent games rated above that from being played. The following numbers correspond to ESRB's age ratings:
 - 2 - EC (Early Childhood)
 - 3 - E (Everyone)
 - 4 - E10+ (Everyone 10+)
 - 5 - T (Teen)
 - 9 - M (Mature)
 - 10 - AO (Adults Only)
5. To set parental controls for the Web browser, go to "Parental Controls." Select "Restrict Use of PS4 Features" then select "Internet Browser." Your options are "Allow" or "Do Not Allow." Selecting "Do Not Allow" will block access to the Internet.



For more information visit us.playstation.com/support

FAMILY DISCUSSION GUIDE

Talking with your children about the games and apps they enjoy is the best way to know what they're up to and to come to a mutual understanding. Here are some suggested topics to get the conversation started.

- Where and how does your child play games? Consoles? On the computer? Mobile devices? Should there be time limits? Are they playing online? If so, with whom?
- Are there age and content ratings associated with the games and apps they play? If so, what are they? (If you don't know you can check by searching ESRB.org or the ESRB mobile app.) Are there certain age ratings that are off limits?
- Do any of the games or apps your children play ask for personal information (such as an email address), or share his/her physical location with others?
- Do any of these games or apps involve user-generated content, including the ability to chat with other players? If so, what types of conversations has your child encountered?
- Has your child ever been harassed by other players during a game? If so, how should they handle it and who should they tell?
- Do any of these games or apps include the ability to purchase new content (such as new levels, in-game currency, or other items)? If so, do your children need your permission to make the purchase?

