Parental Controls Guide

For the Wii U™ from Nintendo

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.

SETTING UP THE WII U PARENTAL CONTROLS

1. Select the "Parental Controls" icon in the Wii U menu.

2. Cycle through the parental controls explanation until prompted to "create a four-digit PIN."

3. Once a PIN is created, you must select a "Secret Question" to retrieve your PIN in the event it is forgotten. You also have the option to register your email address to retrieve your PIN.

4. Select "Parental Controls Settings" then "Game Rating" to block or allow access to games based on their ESRB rating. Use "L" Stick to move the slider that appears on the Wii U GamePad controller screen to select which ratings are "Allowed" or "Not Allowed." Rating Category definitions are displayed on the television and can be scrolled through with the "R" Stick.

5. When finished, select "Confirm," "Back," and "Quit" to exit.

YOU CAN ALSO USE PARENTAL CONTROLS TO MANAGE

→ The exchange of game content and in-game communication over the Internet

→ Web browsing

→ The use of credit cards and software purchases in the Nintendo eShop (and similar services)

→ Content viewing or posting within Miiverse

→ Friend connections

→ Streaming video content as well as software with video playback functions

→ The transfer or deletion of software and saved data

→ Access to "Internet Settings" in "System Settings"

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For more information visit nintendo.com/wiiu/parents

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?