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Apple's Family Sharing Controls & settings guide

Family Sharing makes it easy for you to manage parental controls for your child's Apple devices. See how to set it up to keep your child safer on their device.

1 How to set up Family Sharing

To set up Family Sharing, both you and your child(ren) must have Apple devices.

To set up a family:

Step 1 - Go to the **Settings** on your (parent) iOS device and select **Family**.

Step 2 - Select **Continue** and then select either **Invite Others** (if your child already has an Apple ID) or **Create Child Account** (if you need to create an Apple ID for your child).

Step 3 - Once you've added members to your Family, select **Done**.

2 How to create a child account

When setting up Family Sharing, you will have the option to create a new account for your child. This is only for children under the age of 13.

If your child is 13 or over, you can [create a normal account for them here](#), which you can then add to your Family.

To create an Apple child account:

Step 1 - Go to your **Family** and select **Create Child Account**.

Step 2 - Enter your child's **birthdate** and select **Verify You're An Adult** and follow the instructions for verification. You will need a **credit card** for this, though you won't be charged.

Step 3 - **Read through** the documents that you see before the ID creation page then **create an ID/email address** for your child.

You may want to consider whether your child will use this email as they grow. If so, consider an email that is appropriate for when they're older.

Select **Continue** > **Create Email Address**.

Step 4 - You'll be prompted to choose age and content limits. **Follow the prompts to complete set up**. You can edit these limits later. See the [iPhone and iPad](#)

[parental controls guide here](#) to help you.

Step 5 – Set a **4-digit PIN** for the Parental Controls Lock.

This should be something your child cannot guess and should be kept private from them. You will need this PIN to edit parental controls for your child's device.