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## Google Safesearch Controls & settings guide

Google SafeSearch can help you filter out inappropriate or explicit content and images from your Google Search results. SafeSearch is turned on automatically for users identified as under 18.

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## How to turn on Google SafeSearch using web

While SafeSearch should be automatically turned on for under-18s, it's always good to check. The setting applies to the account rather than the device. So, setting up SafeSearch on web should apply to any other device that uses the same Google Account.

### To manage SafeSearch on web:

**Step 1** – Sign-in to your child's Google account in your web browser at [Google.com](https://www.google.com) or with Chrome. Click their **profile image** in the top right corner and select **Manage your Google Account**.

*Note: If in Google Chrome, the browser will also display their profile image. For these instructions, click on their profile within the page itself.*

**Step 2** – In the search bar (you may need to scroll down), **type 'safesearch'** and press **enter**.

**Step 3** – Click **Go to SafeSearch settings**.

**Step 4** – Set SafeSearch to **Filter**. While no filter is 100% effective, this will help limit explicit content your child can come across when searching.

*Note: SafeSearch will only work if your child is logged into their Google Account and will not apply in other search engines. Make sure you set broadband or device filters to block inappropriate websites.*

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## How to turn SafeSearch on with Android

Just like with web, SafeSearch applies to the account. If you've already set up SafeSearch on web, it should be set up on your child's Android (as long as they use the same Google Account).

### To manage SafeSearch on mobile:

**Step 1** – Open the **Google app**. Login to your child's account if they're not yet logged in and then **tap on their profile image** in the top right corner. Tap

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**Step 2** – Set SafeSearch to **Filter**. This is a better option than Blur, which still shows explicit results.

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## Where to manage SafeSearch with Google Family Link

If you manage your child's Google Account with Family Link, you can also easily manage SafeSearch. [See the full Family Link guide here.](#)

### To manage search with Family Link:

**Step 1** – In the Family Link app, tap on your **child's profile** and go to the Controls menu. Tap **Google search**.

**Step 2** – Tap **Filter** to help limit explicit content your child can come across when searching on Google or Google Chrome.