



Playstation Vita (Ps Vita) Safety Controls & settings guide

The PS Vita's parental controls can make the handheld PlayStation console safer for your children. Restrict games or videos with mature content, disable the internet browser and block adult sites, and restrict chat on the PlayStation Network (PSN) to keep children safe online.

1 Accessing Parental Controls

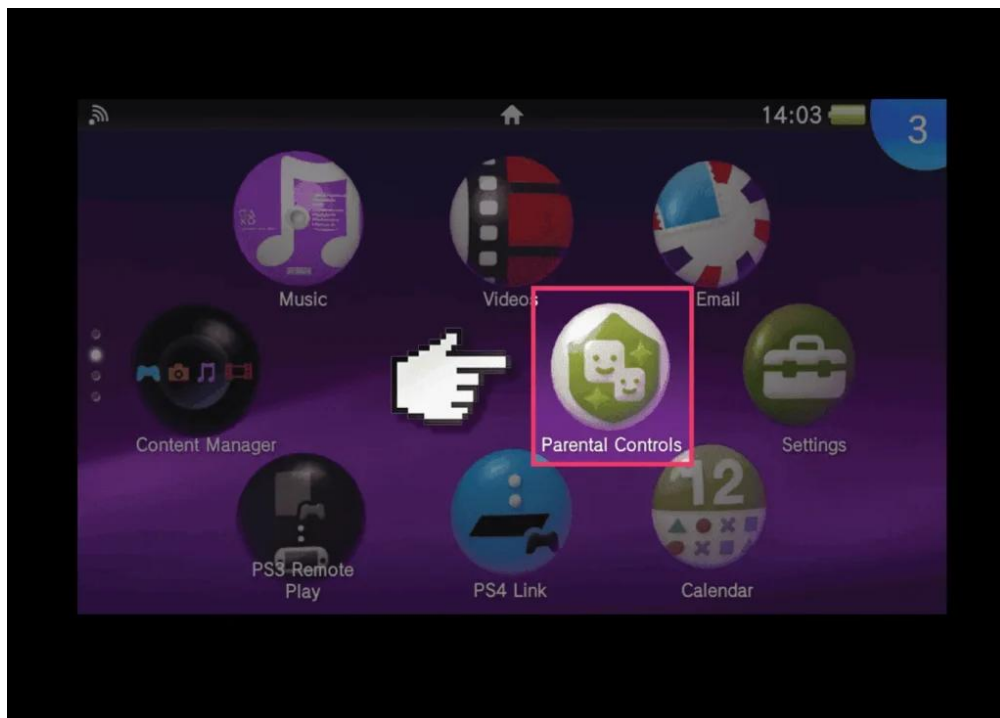
To begin managing your child's PS Vita, you must first access the Parental Controls menu.

To access Parental Controls:

Step 1 – From the PS Vita home screen, click the **Parental Controls** widget.

Step 2 – If you are prompted for a 4 digit **PIN** the default is “0000”.

You will now be in the Parental Controls menu and can begin making changes.

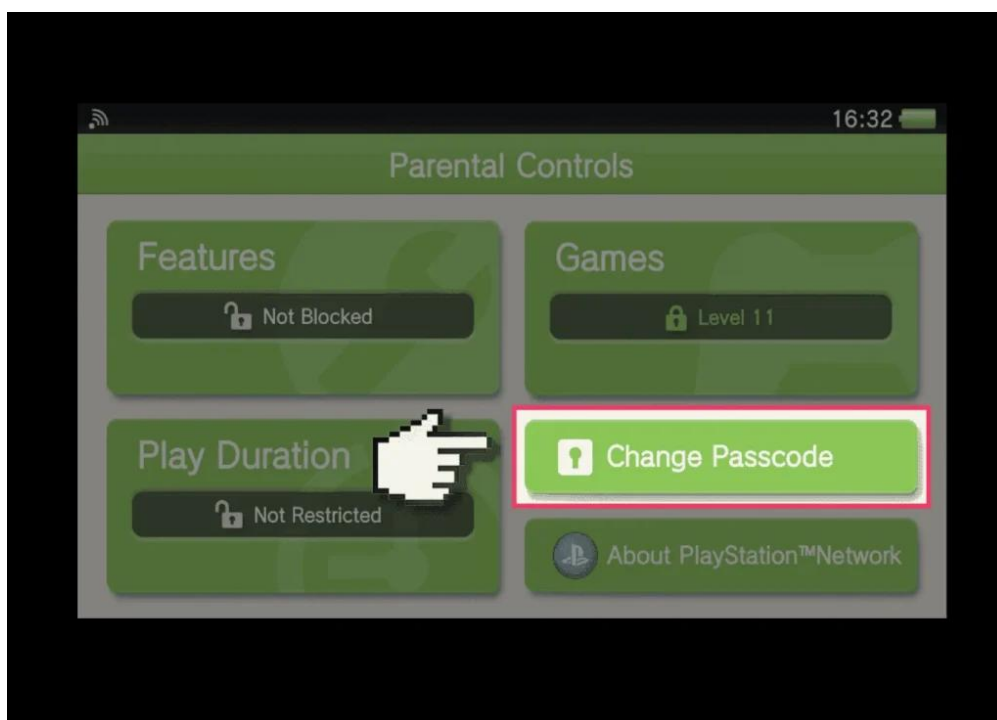


2 Setting a passcode

To prevent your child from editing any controls you set, you must change your passcode so that they can not access the Parental Controls menu without your permission.

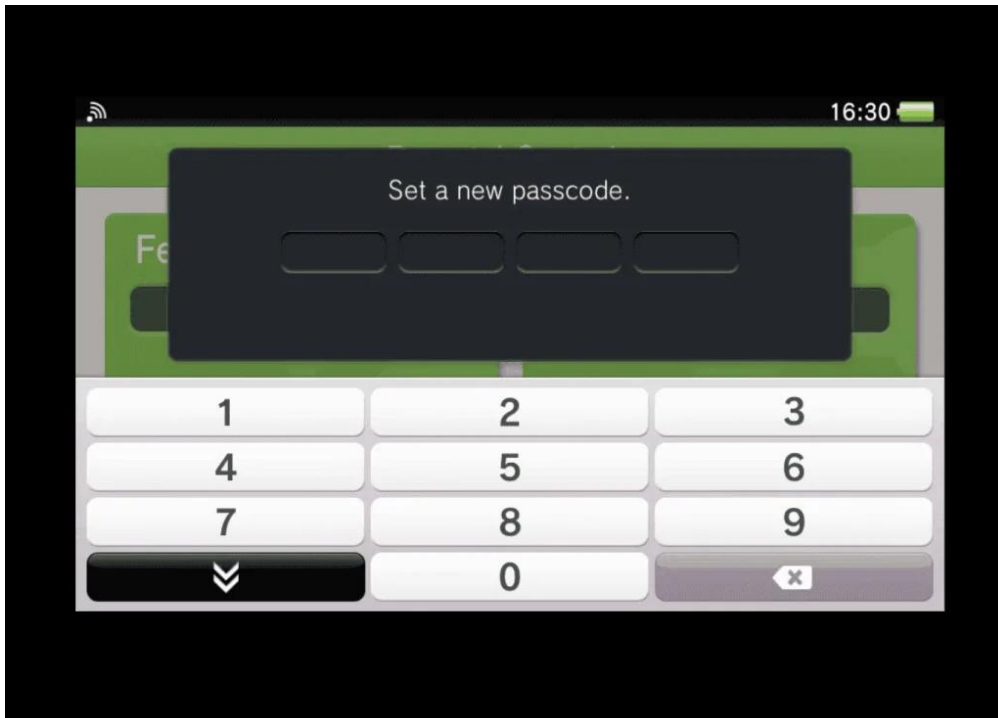
To set a passcode:

Step 1 – From the Parental Controls menu, click **Change Passcode**.



Step 2 – Input a **4 digit passcode** and re-enter it to confirm.

The passcode will now be set. This passcode will be used to access the Parental Controls in the future and will also be requested when trying to open restricted content.

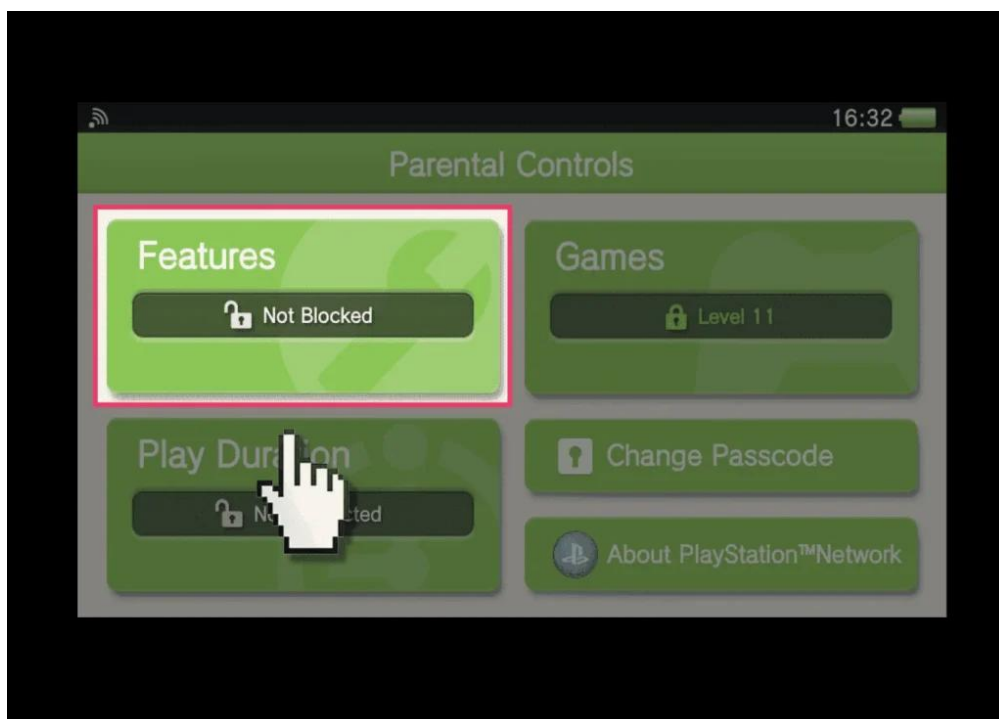


3 Blocking features

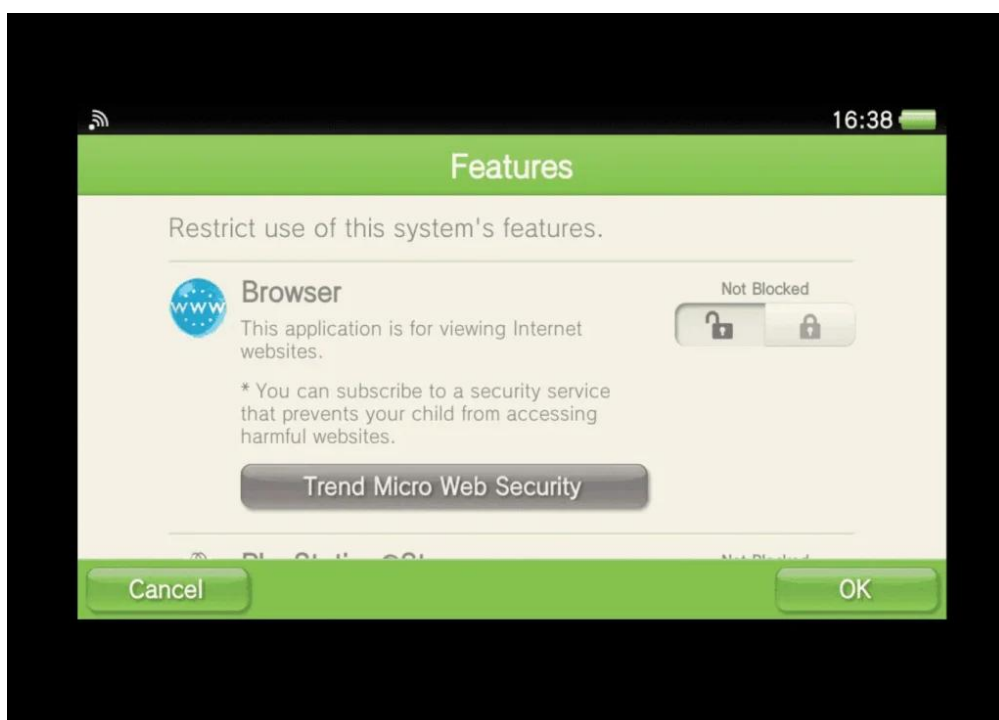
You can block any features on the PS Vita that you do not want your child using.

To block features:

Step 1 – In the Parental Controls settings, select **Features**.



Step 2 – On the **Features** page you can block the use of the Internet Browser, the PlayStation Store, Email use, and Location Data. Tap **“OK”** to exit.

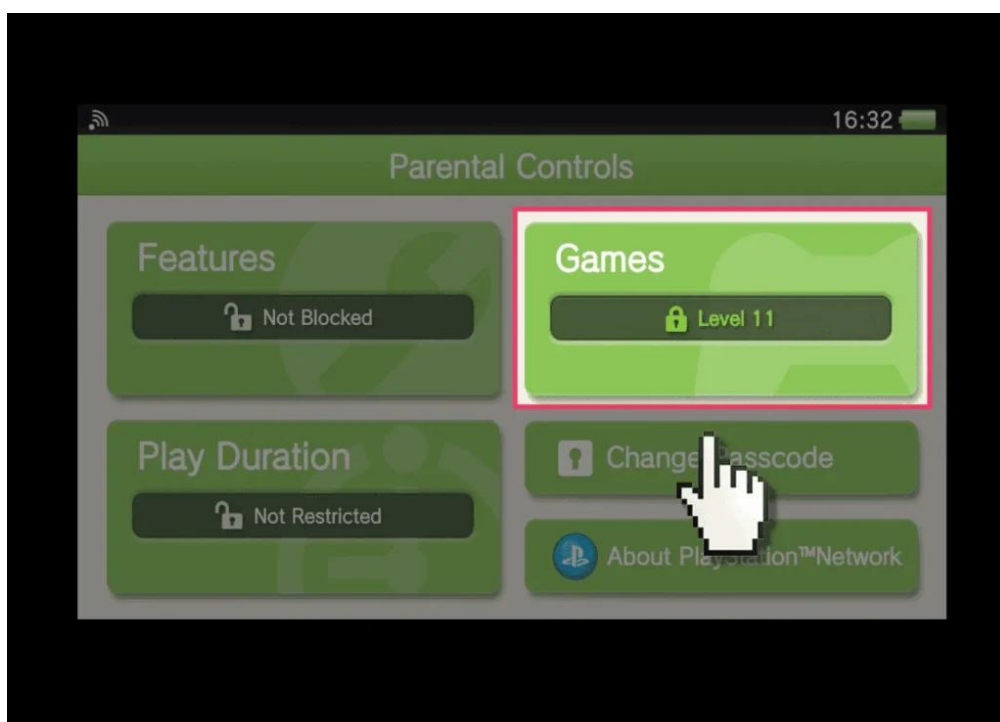


4 Setting age rating

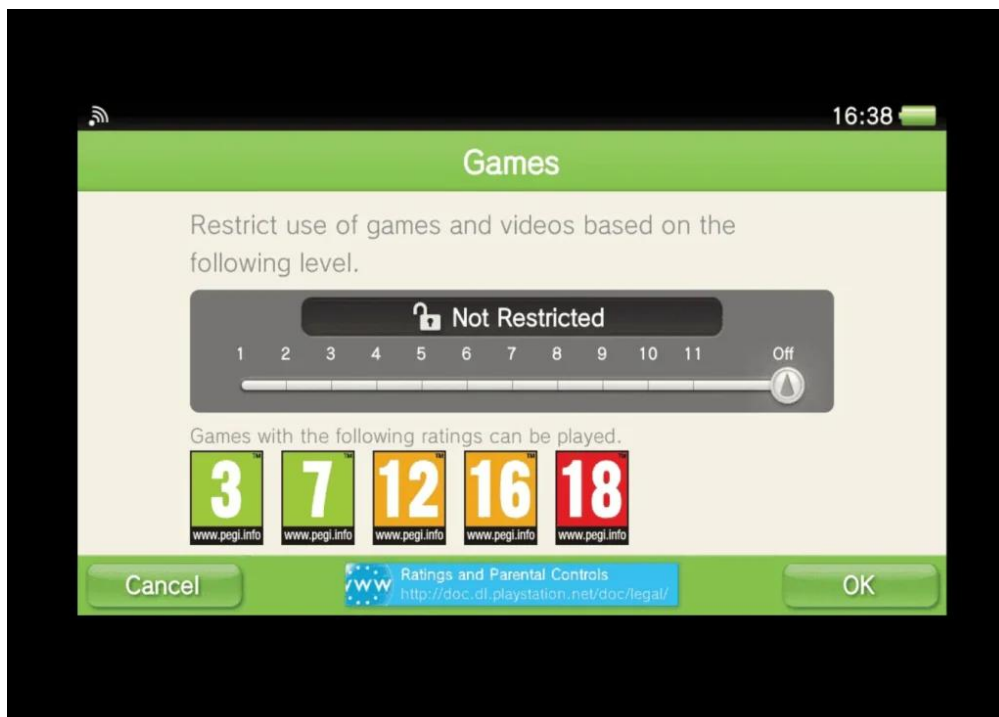
You can add a maximum age rating to the device, to ensure that your child is not playing games intended for older audiences.

To set an age rating:

Step 1 – In the Parental Controls menu, click **Games**.



Step 2 – On the **Games** page you are able to set the maximum PEGI age rating of games that can be run on the system. Tap **OK** to exit.

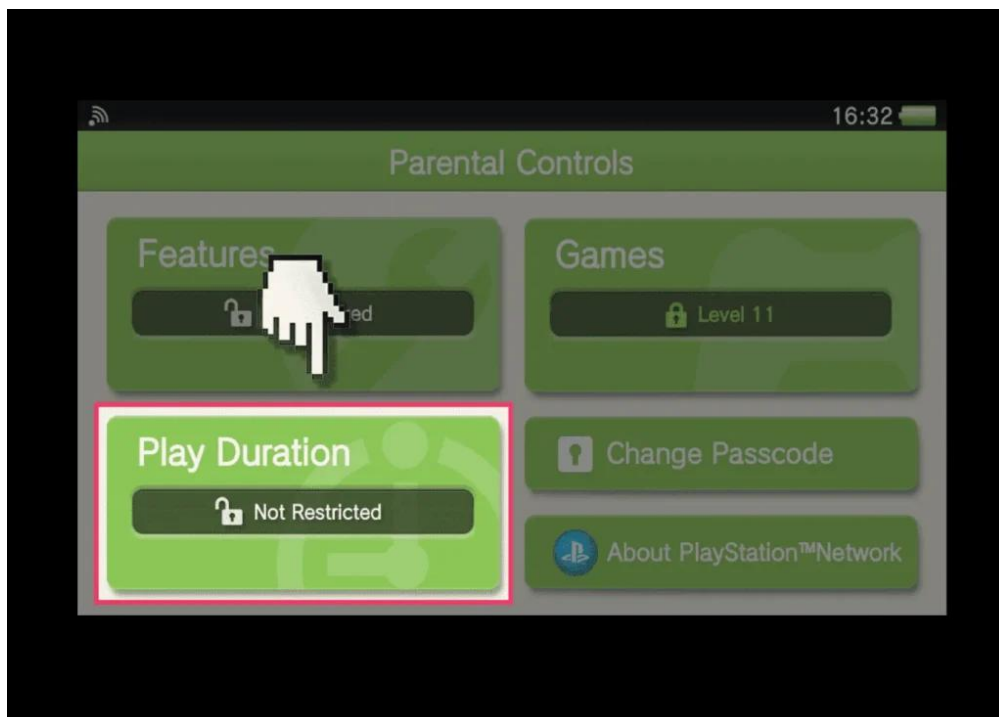


5 Adding playtime limits

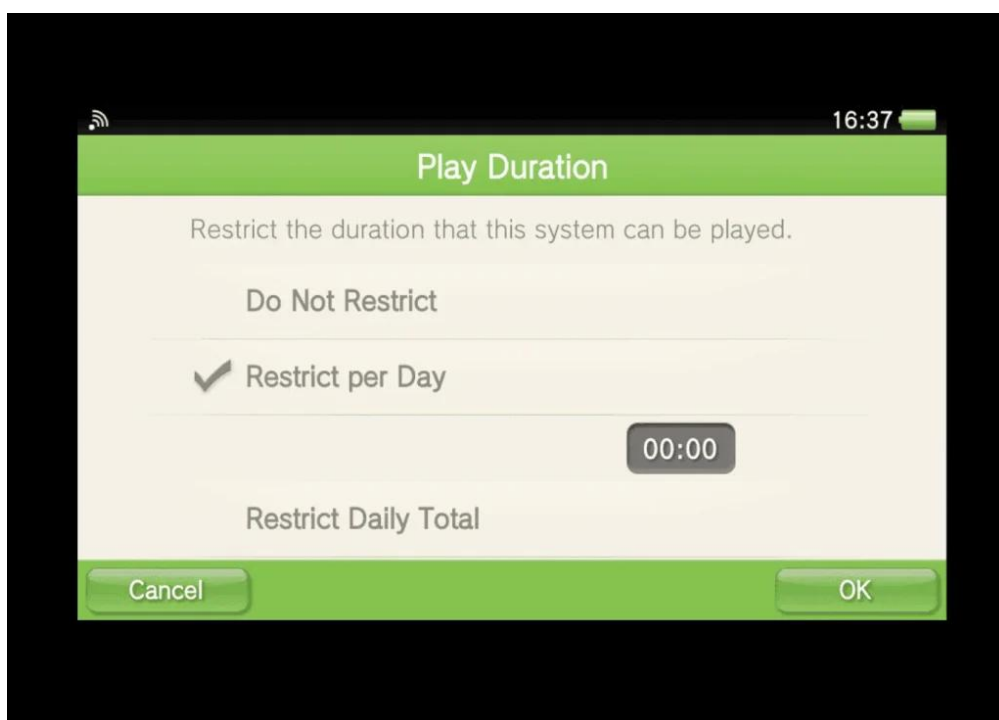
In order to maintain a healthy screen time, you can add playtime limits to your child's device.

To set playtime limits:

Step 1 – From the Parental Controls page, select **Play Duration**.



Step 2 – On the **Play Duration** page you can set the time that the system can be used either as a daily maximum or set a maximum for each day of the week. Tap **OK** to exit.



6 PlayStation Network

Setting up Parental Controls for the PlayStation Network can be found in a separate guide. Press the blue PlayStation button on the bottom-left front of the console to exit the Parental Controls section.