PlayStation 3 (PS3) parental controls allow you to restrict games and Blu-Rays (BD)/DVDs with mature content, the use of the internet browser and how your child can chat and interact on the PlayStation Network.
What do I need?
Access to the PlayStation 3 console and a PlayStation account

Restrictions you can apply

- Browser Access
- Chatting
- Game Ratings
- Inappropriate content
- Online games
- Privacy and identity theft

Step by Step instructions

These steps were recreated on the PlayStation 3 games console:

- How to set a parental controls password
- Set content level for games
- What do PS3 parental control levels mean?
- Blu-Ray and DVD parental controls
- Deactivate the PS3 browser
1. How to set a parental controls password

Before setting up PlayStation 3 parental controls, it's a good idea to set a password/passcode that only you know. Otherwise, your child may change the controls you set up.

To set a password:

Step 1 – From the main menu on your PS3, navigate to the Settings icon and then scroll down to Security Settings.

Step 2 – Select Change Password. Enter your current password, which is 0000 by default. Enter your new 4-digit password and confirm.
2. Set content level for games

To limit what kinds of games your child can play on PlayStation 3, you can set content levels.

To set game content levels:

**Step 1** – In the **Security Settings** menu, scroll down to and select **Parental Control**. Enter your PIN/password.

**Step 2** – Set the overall level of content you would like active on the console. Lower levels mean tighter restrictions.
Parental Control

Sets the parental control level for games with parental control restrictions. The higher the level, the tighter the restriction.

- Off
- Level 11
- Level 10
- Level 9
- Level 8
- Level 7
- Level 6
- Level 5
- Level 4
- Level 3
- Level 2
- Level 1
3. What do PS3 parental control levels mean?

When setting content restrictions for games, DVDs and Blu-Ray, you will see numbers. However, this can be confusing without explanation for what they mean. Generally, the lower the level, the tighter the restrictions. Because there are different ratings systems around the world like PEGI, ESRB and GRAC to name a few, the PlayStation console uses its own levels.

Approximate age equivalents

Level 1 – 0-years-old
Level 2 – 3-years-old
Level 3 – 6-years-old
Level 4 – 10-years-old
Level 5 – 12-years-old
Level 6 – in between 12- and 15-years-old
Level 7 – 15-years-old
Level 8 – 17-years-old
Level 9 – 18-years-old
Levels 10 & 11 – over 18
4. **Blu-Ray and DVD Parental Controls**

If your child or family uses the PlayStation 3 to watch Blu-rays (BD) or DVDs, you can set parental controls to limit which content they view.

To set up BD and DVD controls:

**Step 1** – In the Security Settings menu, scroll down to and select **BD – Parental Control**. When prompted, enter your PIN/password. Restrict Blu-Ray Disc playback by age on supporting Blu-Ray Discs by turning it **ON** and selecting the **age**. **Confirm** your selection.

**Step 2** – Return to Security Settings and scroll down to and select **BD/DVD – Parental Control Region Code**. Then enter your PIN/password. Set your **region** to allow the system to use age ratings relevant to your region. **Confirm** your selection.

**Step 3** – Return to Security Settings. Scroll down to and select **DVD – Parental Control**, then enter your PIN/password. Set the **level of restriction** on DVD playback. Lower levels mean tighter restrictions.
Select an age.
The lower the age, the higher the restriction. The highest restriction is for age 0.
5. **Deactivate the PS3 browser**

To limit what kind of content your child can access or how they use their PlayStation 3, you can deactivate the system browser.

To deactivate the browser:

**Step 1** – In the **Security Settings** menu, scroll down to and select **Internet Browser Start Control**. Enter your PIN/password.

**Step 2** – Turn the browser **OFF**.