YouTube

Controls & Settings guide

Learn how to set up and use safeguarding settings such as supervised experience for kids when they are on YouTube.
What do I need?
A YouTube account (Email & Password)

Restrictions you can apply

Parental control

Step by Step instructions

Get started with a supervised account
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1. Get started with a supervised account

This is great for parents who want to allow their child to transition from YouTube Kids to supervised access to the main YouTube platform.

To create a supervised account: There are four different ways to access this. The following steps were completed from the YouTube app on a parent’s device:

Step 1 – Create and manage a Google Account for your child with Family Link. If you already manage a Google Account for your child with Family Link, skip to the next step.

Step 2 – Sign in to YouTube with the Google Account you use as a parent manager of your child’s account.
Step 3 – Go to your profile picture.
Step 4 – Select Settings then select Parent Settings.
Step 5 – Select your child and follow the next steps.
Almost finished

When your child signs in to YouTube with their Google Account, the information that we collect, including your child’s search and watch history, may be stored with their Google Account and used to improve your child’s Google experience.

Remember that the YouTube settings that you select for your child will not apply when your child is not using the YouTube website or app, for example when your child views embedded YouTube content on a third-party news website.

To learn more about our privacy practices for your child's Google Account, please see the Privacy Notice for Google Accounts Managed with Family Link and the Google Privacy Policy.

Once you select the button below, the YouTube app will be unlocked on your child’s supervised devices.

**FINISH SETUP**
2. Change your settings with a supervised account

   Step 1 – Sign in to YouTube and go to your profile picture.
   Step 2 – Select Settings then select Parent Settings.
   Step 3 – Select your child’s account you’d like to edit.
   Step 4 – Under YouTube Settings, select Edit next to “Content Settings”.
   Step 5 – Choose a content setting for your child and choose Select to save.

3. Review child’s watch history with a supervised account

   To review your child’s watch history in their supervised account:

   Step 1 – On your child’s device, visit the My Activity page.
   Step 2 – Select “YouTube History”.
   Step 3 – Select “Manage activity”.
   Step 4 – Scroll to go to all past activity.