

IPAD FAMILIES GUIDE

Getting Ready for Learning

iPad offers children fun and exciting ways to interact, learn and create. You know your child best, so we've created a list of settings and tools to help your family stay safe and productive with iPad.



Tap on the settings and tools below to find out more

1 Device Management



Set-up **Family Sharing** to share purchases and access **Parental Controls**



Approve or decline purchases with **Ask to Buy**



Share locations and find devices with **Find My**



2 Safety and focus at school



Decide who can talk to your child with **Communication Limits**



Protect your child from what they see and send with **Communication Safety**



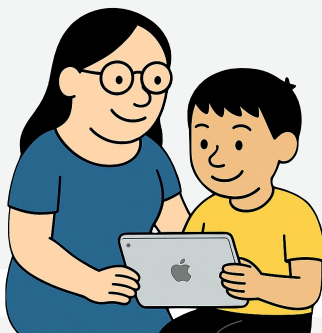
Choose what they view with **Content Restrictions**

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Extend learning and support from home



Check-in on **Screen Time, App and Website** data



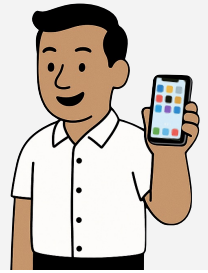
Limit Usage with **Downtime and App Limits**



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If you're a parent or guardian with an Apple device, you can create an Apple ID for your child and add them to your Family Sharing group. Then you can manage your child's iPad from your own device.



With Family Sharing you can:

- Share Apple subscriptions and purchases
- Set up a child's device with your preferred Parental Controls
- Approve what kids buy or download with Ask to Buy
- Limit how much time kids spend on their devices with Screen Time
- Share locations and find devices with the Find My app



Watch a Quick guide to Apple Family Features



Manage your child's device with Family Sharing:

- 1 Go to Settings, tap your Name
- 2 Tap Family, then tap Set Up Your Family
- 3 If your child doesn't have an Apple Account, tap Create Child Account. But if your child already has an Apple Account, tap Invite Others and follow the prompts
- 4 On your child's device, accept the invitation



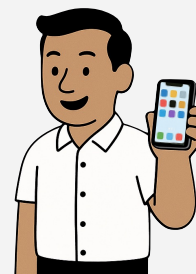
Watch a YouTube on Setting up Family Sharing

Note: You can only join one family at a time, and you can only switch to a different family group once per year.



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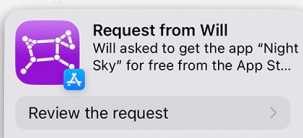


Approve what your child buys with Ask to Buy

When your child wants to download an app or make a purchase, they send a request through **Ask to Buy** and you can approve or decline it from your device.



Watch the Ask to Buy Quick Guide



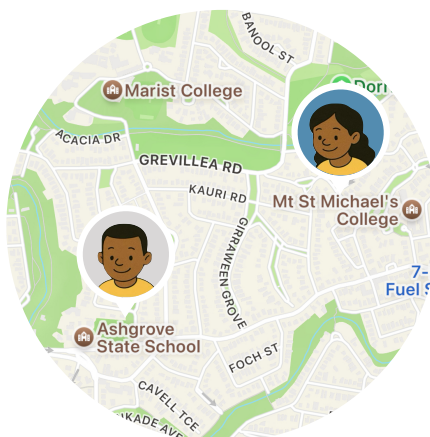
Purchase Approved



- 1 Go to Settings
- 2 Tap Family
- 3 Tap your child's name
- 4 Select Ask to Buy
- 5 Turn on Require Purchase Approval

Check your child is in a safe place

Sharing locations with your family enables you to see your child's device location in **Find My**. After sharing your locations, family members can help locate a missing device.



- 1 Go to Settings
- 2 Tap Family
- 3 Tap Location Sharing and select your child
- 4 Turn on for your child
- 5 Open Find My App on your child's device
- 6 Accept to share location



Get notified when your child arrives

You can get automatic notifications when a family member arrives at or leaves a particular place.

- 1 Go to the Find My app and tap People
- 2 Tap your child's name, tap Add (under Notifications)
- 3 Tap Notify Me and follow the prompts to set up



Watch a YouTube on the Find My App



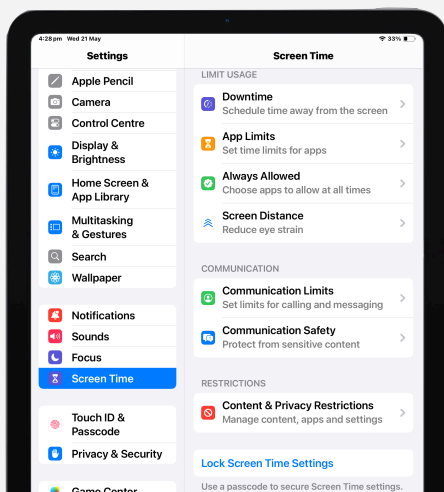
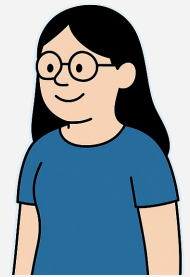
Read more about Location Sharing



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Safety and Focus

Whether you have your own Apple device or your child's iPad is the only one in the home, you can know, and feel good about what your kids are doing by setting up built-in parental controls.



With Parental Controls you can:

- Decide who can talk to your child with Communication Limits
- Protect them from what they see and send with Communication Safety
- Keep app and website content age appropriate with Content Restrictions
- Protect hearing with Safety settings

Instructions to set up parental controls differ slightly through Family Sharing on a parent device compared to set up on a child's device:

Using Family Sharing on your own Apple device? Follow the blue instructions to begin.

Setting up on your child's iPad? Follow the green instructions to begin.

Setting up Parental Controls:

- 1 On your device go to Settings, tap Screen Time and under Family choose your child's name
- 1 On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
- 2 Limit Communication and set up Restrictions (see next page for more information).
- 3 IMPORTANT: Set up a passcode to Lock Screen Time Settings so your child can't change them (do not share the passcode with your child)

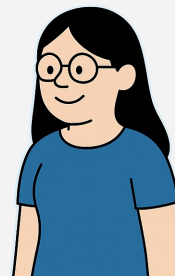


**Read more about
Parental Controls**



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Decide who can talk to your child

Communication Limits let you choose who your child can communicate with throughout the day and during downtime.



- 1 On your device go to Settings, tap Screen Time and under Family choose your child's name
- 1 On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
- 2 Tap Communication Limits
- 3 Select who your child can communicate with and when



Watch the Communication Limits Quick Guide

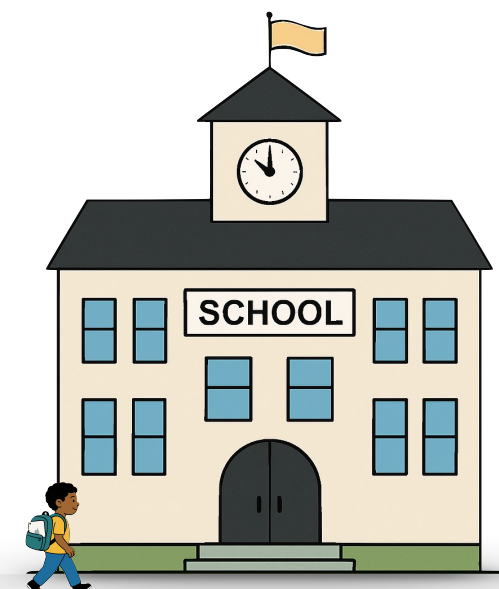
Protect kids from what they see and send

If your child receives or sends photos or videos that might contain nudity, **Communication safety** warns them, gives them options to stay safe and provides helpful resources.

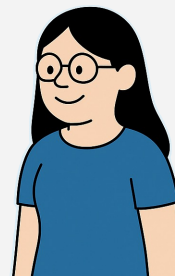
- 1 On your device go to Settings, tap Screen Time and under Family choose your child's name
- 1 On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
- 2 Tap Communication Safety
- 3 Turn on Communication Safety



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Choose what they view

With Content Restrictions, you can customise age settings for websites, music, news, games and more. Select an age range or rating, or restrict websites and apps altogether.

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Watch the Restrict Content Quick Guide

- 1 On your device go to Settings, tap Screen Time and under Family choose your child's name
- 1 On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
- 2 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 3 To prevent App Store purchases tap iTunes & App Store Purchases
- 4 To restrict the use of built-in apps & features tap Allowed Apps & Features, tap apps you want to allow
- 5 To prevent explicit content tap App Store, Media, Web & Games. Choose settings and content to allow or restrict

Hearing safety

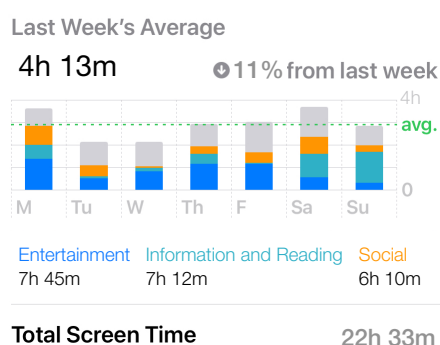
Protect your child's hearing with Reduce Loud Audio and Speaker Volume Limit.

- 1 On your device go to Settings, tap Screen Time and under Family choose your child's name
- 1 On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
- 2 Tap Content & Privacy Restrictions
- 3 Tap Reduce Loud Audio, tap Don't Allow
- 4 Tap back and tap Speaker Volume Limit, Tap Don't Allow



Extend Learning and Support

Whether you have your own Apple device or your child's iPad is the only one in the home, Screen Time makes it easy to see what your child is doing and guide them towards healthy screen habits.



With Screen Time you can:

- Keep track of how your child is using the device with Screen Time data
- Set time limits for categories of apps, or individual websites and apps with App Limits
- Use Downtime to schedule time away from screens

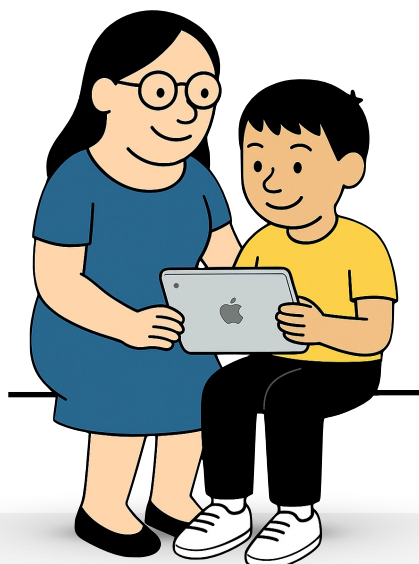
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Understand your child's iPad habits

Screen Time data can give you a better understanding of how your child is using their device.



- 1 On your device go to **Settings**, tap **Screen Time** and under **Family** choose your child's name
- 1 On your child's device go to **Settings** and tap **Screen Time**
- 2 A Daily Average of device usage is displayed
- 3 Tap **See All App & Website Activity**, to see device usage for today or the week
- 4 Scroll to see the **Most Used** apps and websites and how long your child uses each one
- 5 Scroll further to see how many **Pick-Ups** of the iPad occur throughout a day (and when)



Read more about
Screen Time



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Schedule time away from screens

With Downtime you can set a specific time away from screens, like dinnertime or bedtime. You can also choose which apps are accessible or off limits



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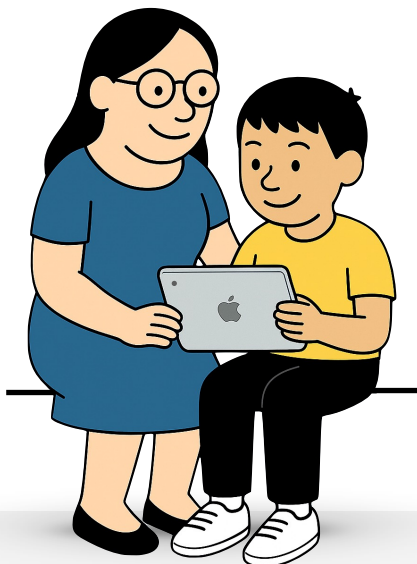
- 1 On your device go to Settings, tap Screen Time and under Family choose your child's name
- 1 On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
- 2 Tap Downtime
- 3 Tap Scheduled then choose Everyday or Customise Days
- 4 Select when your child will have restricted access to apps and features
- 5 To set up apps that are allowed during Downtime, tap back into Screen Time, tap Always Allowed and select contacts and apps

Set daily time limits on apps



Watch the App Limit Quick Guide

- 1 On your device go to Settings, tap Screen Time and under Family choose your child's name
- 1 On your child's device go to Settings and tap Screen Time
- 2 Tap Add Limit then turn on App Limits
- 3 Select apps, categories and/or websites to limit usage
- 4 Tap Next and schedule Time and Customise Days
- 5 Tap Add and then Add Limit to add more daily limits



Note: Avoid limiting apps or websites needed for learning. E.g. If you add limits to a whole category like 'Entertainment', apps they need may be restricted.



More Resources for Families

Apple products are designed to support every stage of family life, with built-in tools that prioritise privacy, safety, and wellbeing. Here are a few more resources to help you confidently guide your child.



Check out the Apple webpage, 'Families' to discover features to help make sure kids use Apple technology in the ways you want.



Watch, 'How to create a child account with Family Sharing on iPhone or iPad.'



Get started with the App Store by reading the story, 'About apps and games for your kids,' and check out the app collections for kids.



Explain Family Sharing to your kids with the Apple support article, 'Family Sharing overview for kids and teens.'



Find advice and resources for parents and children at the eSafety Commissioner website.

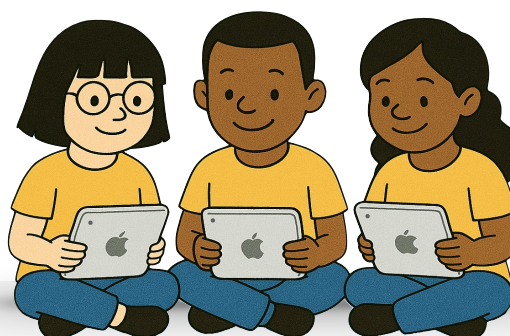
Helping Protect Kids Online

Read how Apple is helping to keep kids safe online and protect their privacy.



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