



Online Safety



A parent guide to popular APPs

Roblox

What it is: A gaming platform with millions of user-made games.

Key Risks: In-game chat, strangers, unsafe games, scams.

Set Up Parental Controls:

Internet Matters Roblox Guide (step-by-step): <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

Snapchat

What it is: Photo/video messaging app with disappearing messages.

Key Risks: Strangers adding children, location sharing, inappropriate content.

Set Up Parental Controls:

Snapchat Family Center & privacy settings: <https://support.snapchat.com>

JusTalk Kids

What it is: A messaging/video-chat app designed for under-13s.

Key Risks: Contact from unknown users, group-chat bullying, data/privacy issues.

Set Up Parental Controls:

JusTalk Kids safety settings: <https://childrenofthedigitalage.org/>

TikTok

What it is: A short-video social media app extremely popular with young people.

Key Risks: Inappropriate content, strangers, dangerous challenges, addictive scrolling.

Set Up Parental Controls:

TikTok Family Pairing (official): <https://www.tiktok.com/safety/family-pairing>

Gaming Devices (Xbox, PlayStation, Nintendo)

Risks: Chat with strangers, inappropriate downloads, uncontrolled spending.

Set Up Controls:

Visit the Playstation/Xbox/Nintendo websites and search parent controls.



Smartphones & Tablets

Risks: Social media access, sharing content, unsafe browsing.

Set Up Controls:

Apple Screen Time:

<https://support.apple.com/screen-time> Google Family Link:

<https://families.google.com/familylink>