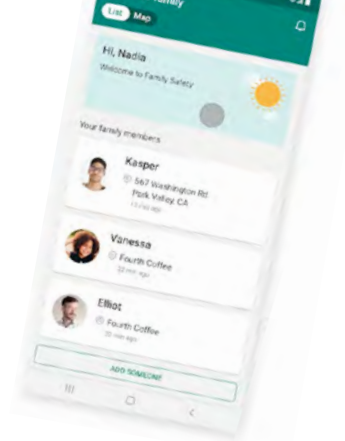


Safe choices together with Microsoft Family Safety

Let's build healthy digital habits together. Use Microsoft's Family Safety tools to set age-appropriate limits and make choices that are right for your family across your Windows PC, Xbox console, and mobile devices.



Fast facts



Online risks are common:

67% of respondents experienced an online risk in the last year (15-country survey).

Teens do seek help:

After a negative experience,

74% block/unfriend/close accounts, **66%**

talk to someone (often a parent), and

37% report the issue.



Why use family safety tools?

Safety tools can be a conversation prompt:

Use reminders or setting changes as a chance to have ongoing conversations about safety and internet use.

Safety tools can be a guardrail:

Depending on your child's age and family's values, these features can help set practical limits and safeguards that you can adjust as they mature.

Quick set-up

> STEP 1

Create a family group at account.microsoft.com/family

> STEP 2

Learn about the different roles in a family group: organizer and member.

Family organizers are the administrators of a family group. They can add and remove members, manage limits and permissions, and view activity for members that have reporting enabled.

Family members can be people of any age. Members need to add a device to enable screen time and app & web filters.

> STEP 3

+ Add your child's Microsoft account.

[Setting up a child account on Windows](#)

> STEP 4

Set roles and permissions

Family organizers can manage:

- Screen time:** set limits and review activity.
- Website and search filters:** block sites and see searches made in Edge.
- App and game filters:** control app access and see app activity.
- Purchases:** add money, set permissions, and see spending.
- Consent:** giving and removing consent to confirm responsibility for a minor.

How can Microsoft's Family Safety tools help?

1. Start open conversation with your child early and keep it going:

- Use **Activity reporting** or **search history** to start online safety conversations.
 - Ensure the child's device is connected to Family Safety and go to the relevant child's account in Microsoft Family Safety. Tap the settings symbol (⚙️) in the top right corner and turn the "Activity reporting" toggle on or off.
 - Web and search activity include websites your child visited and terms they searched for when using Bing.
- Be transparent with your child** about what settings you're using and why.
- Download the CyberSafe series from Minecraft to make online safety education fun. [CyberSafe | Minecraft Education](#)

2. Co-create boundaries:

- ✓ Use **screen time limits** to support a healthy balance and set schedules.
 - | Use Family Safety to select screen time limits for different devices, including selecting a day to set time ranges and total hours permitted.
- ✓ Use **Content filtering and SafeSearch** to help create safe spaces.
 - | To block mature content online, enable **Filter inappropriate websites**, which enables Microsoft Edge to block mature content.
- ✓ Discuss how to report worrying content or conduct to an online platform or site.
Familiarize your family with [Report A Concern](#) for Microsoft.
- ✓ Discuss the rules on different platforms (age restrictions, what content is and isn't allowed).
- ✓ Learn responsible shopping by **managing spending** from child accounts.
 - | Add money to a child's Microsoft account so they can learn to make safe purchases within a limit.
 - | You can also choose to get notified about every purchase your child makes.

3. Learn about the apps and services your child is using:

- ✓ Use **Activity reporting** to understand where they're spending their time (you may wish to use these apps yourself to find out more about them).
- ✓ Use **classifications and ratings** to make decisions about what apps to download from the Microsoft store
 - | Parents can manage Microsoft store downloads through "Ask to Buy", enabling you to approve any app or game download.
 - | Or find your child, then select Content filters > Apps and games. Tap "Allow apps and games rated" if you want to change the default age for which apps your child can download without needing approval.
- ✓ Consider whether you want to **block access** to any apps or websites
 - | Select the child's account, choose where you want to block the app (e.g., Windows, Xbox, mobile) and select the "Apps and games" tab to show a list of all installed apps. Select the three dots on the right of the app, then "Block App".
 - | To block websites, go the Edge tab and under "Blocked sites" add the site URL.





4. Be privacy aware:

- ✓ Use your [privacy dashboard](#) to view and make decisions about your data.
- ✓ Go through the [privacy for young people](#) page together to help your child understand how Microsoft uses data.

5. Encourage your family to ask questions and take action:

- ✓ **Pause & check:** Ask "Who made this?" "How do we know it's real?" Practice source-checking.
- ✓ **Spot red flags** such as money requests or "too good to be true" offers, and requests for private information.
- ✓ **Report & learn:** Use in-product reporting for any concerning content, discuss what happened, and reset settings if needed.

And remember:

-  **Don't "set and forget":**
Review controls regularly and adjust as your child matures
-  **Keep it transparent:**
Talk openly about the settings and pair controls with trust
-  **Empower young people:**
Help teens use privacy settings and other controls
-  **For any questions:**
see [Microsoft Family help](#)

