



Parental Controls for Game Systems

Gaming is a part of everyday life, especially for children. Games allow players to talk and play with other people or buy more content right from the console or game. And plenty of games are designed with a grown-up audience in mind. That's why it is very important to find out your parental control options.

Depending on the system, parental controls might include:

Game Rating Restrictions: This setting lets you decide which games can be played on a console or handheld gaming device based on the rating from the Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB).

Disabling Internet Access: This setting can prevent your kids from accessing online features. For example, some systems include parental controls that allow you to mute or disable online chat, which might include profanity or bullying by other players. Some systems that offer online gaming also give parents the ability to approve friend requests or create approved lists of friends their kids can play with or talk to.

Time Limits: Some game systems let you set days and times your kids can play, and for how long.

Profiles: Some systems let you create multiple profiles with different settings for each. So while your password-protected profile might allow you to play any game, your nine-year-old's profile might be limited to games rated E for Everyone.

In-game Purchase Restrictions: Sometimes you can buy downloadable games or downloadable content with the credit card linked to your account. But in most cases, you can set a password to restrict those purchases.



Graphic content for Call of Duty

Call of Duty: Black Ops 4 is specifically targeted at mature audiences. It depicts gunshot wounds, dismemberment, and exposed viscera. The in-game dialogue regularly includes profanity. Parents are strongly cautioned to decide whether it is appropriate for their child to play this game

How to turn off graphic content

1. From the in-game menu, select **Options**.
2. Next, select **Content Filter**.

Set **Graphic Content** to **Off** to disable blood, gore, and adult language.

Chat Functionality and to Disable Public Voice Communications further described on website:

<https://www.bark.us/guides/gaming/call-of-duty>

For more information on Parental Control Guide for all other top gaming and devices please follow instructions at <https://www.bark.us/blog/parental-control-guide-apps-devices/>

Not sure if one of these games is appropriate for your child?

For detailed information on game content, Common Sense Media has game reviews, including recommended ages, at <https://www.commonsensemedia.org/game-reviews>