

Parental Controls for iPads (2021)

Comes with device:

- Go to: Settings > General > Restrictions > Enable Restrictions

From here you can set app-based restrictions (limit content and internet) and prevent others from making changes to accounts.

- How to set Auto Shutdown and iPad (not a parental control):
 - a. Open **Clock**
 - b. **Clock Timer** on bottom right corner
 - c. Tap **Radar**
 - d. Choose “**Stop Playing**” and hit “**Set**”
 - e. Manually set timer and click “**Start**”
 - f. To undo shutdown, click “**Cancel**”

Apps for iPad:

Qustodio is a parental control app that enables you to set rules and time schedules and block unsuitable content.

- Cross platform capabilities
- One of the most comprehensive free parental control apps
- Paid-for version enables SMS monitoring, social media features and per-app controls
- The paid-for version has 3 plans:
 - Small Plan (\$54.95 per year) allows 5 devices
 - Medium Plan (\$96.95 per year) allows 10 devices
 - Large Plan (\$137.95 per year) allows 15 devices
 - **All plans come with premium features**

Bark is a simple parental control application, but it delivers powerful protection. The company claims to have stopped 16 school shootings and identified 10,000 self-harm situations. It uses an impressive algorithm that watches for warning signs in social media posts, emails, text messages, and photos.

- Easy to use, free to try for 7 days
- Identifies risky behavior, also alerts you if app is uninstalled
- Full advice to help parents and kids
- \$99/year

Kaspersky delivers a lot for a low price. For around \$15 you can protect up to 500 devices with all of Kaspersky's premium features. We imagine that most people don't need that much protection, but we like that Kaspersky makes it easy for families of any size to afford parental control protection.

- Cheaper price (\$15), Geofencing
- Apps Management
- Expert advice and tips
- Low battery alerts

Kidslox is a parental control app that allows you to filter content and set time limits from one remote device.

- Set daily screen time limits
- Use schedules for device free homework time, dinnertime, bedtime and family time
- Switch between:
 - Parent mode
 - Child mode (Custom)
 - Lockdown mode (Fully Restricted)
- Uses a PIN number to change restrictions
- Filters pornography and other adult content
- Blocks internet access
- Cross platform coverage
- Contains no ads
- Price Ranges
 - Lifetime - \$99.99 One off payment
 - 1 Year - \$59.99 Billed Yearly
 - 6 months - \$39.99 Billed Monthly
 - 1 month - \$7.99 Billed Monthly

Routers:

Synology RT2600ac is a 4x4 dual-band Gigabit Wi-Fi router, MU-MIMO, powerful parental controls, Threat Prevention, bandwidth management, VPN, expandable coverage with mesh Wi-Fi.

- Block a teenager from adult-only content, or create a whitelist so the younger ones can only access those approved websites
- Apply different filters to different periods of the day, like no social media during homework hours
- Prevent kids from accidentally stumbling onto explicit search results on YouTube, Google, or Bing
- Gain insights into each user's Internet activities, like the amount of time online today or whether there have been any attempts to visit inappropriate websites

- Regular reports can be generated on a daily, weekly or monthly basis for you to review recent trends
- \$199.99 One time purchase

NETGEAR Orbi Tri-band Whole Home Mesh WiFi System covers large homes up to 5,000 sq ft with fast WiFi. System includes a WiFi router and one satellite.

- Manage kids' internet time
- Monitor activity on WiFi and LTE
- Pause the internet and create profiles
- Monitor device usage, website history, content and time limits
- Price ranges:
 - \$299.99 for 2 Orbi Units (1 Router + 1 Satellite)
 - \$319.99 for 3 Orbi Units (1 Router + 2 Satellites)

Circle Home Plus device is an add-on network accessory that works with most home routers to bring all the benefits of sophisticated content filtering for your kids.

- Formerly Circle by Disney
- Content filtering, safe browsing, limiting screen time
- Blocks unsavory apps and downloads
- Safe text and messaging
- Social media monitoring and management
- Monitors online activity reports, search history, access requests, time-extension requests
- Also monitors bad language alerts, content filtering updates
- \$129.99 One time purchase

DNS Services

Cloudflare DNS is an entire-grade DNS service that offers fast response times, unparalleled redundancy, and built in DDoS mitigation and DNSSEC

- Very fast at resolving DNS queries
- Claims to provide unlimited bandwidth
- Supports IPv6 connections
- Deletes all logs after 24 hours and never collects your IP address
- Price ranges
 - Free - \$0
 - Pro - \$20/monthly
 - Business - \$200/monthly

OpenDNS Home (recently rebranded as **Cisco Umbrella**) offers 3 levels of network security for homes

- The first level is a free service that is pre-configured to block adult content, proxy websites and phishing sites - but you can't do much to customize it

- The second level is also free and you can set a general blocking any of the 56 website categories, blacklisting up to 25 websites and whitelisting up to 25 websites. It also provides an activity log of all online activity for the two previous weeks but does not distinguish between devices
- The third level, **OpenDNS VIP**, is a paid and slightly upgraded version of the second level. The blacklist/whitellist cap is extended to 50 websites each and it retains activity logs for a year. It has a whitelist only mode
- \$19.95/year