



TIPS TO HELP MANAGE YOUR KIDS' VIDEO GAMES AND MOBILE APPS

ACTIVATE PARENTAL CONTROLS

The [ESRB Parental Controls Guide](#) has easy, step-by-step instructions on setting parental controls for your video game console, handheld device or computer. Download the guides for the specific devices in your home and watch an instructional video for setting up parental controls.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON SETTING CONTROLS, VISIT:
www.esrb.org/about/settingcontrols.aspx

TIPS FOR PARENTS:

- Check the age and content rating information.
- Use [parental controls](#), which are available for video game consoles and leading app stores like [Google Play](#) to help manage which apps and games your kids download and play. And keep your password or PIN a secret!
- Get the detailed facts. ESRB provides rating summaries that offer a detailed description of the content that factored into a video game's rating. These summaries are available on the ESRB website or via the ESRB rating search [app](#).
- For mobile games and apps with an [ESRB rating](#), remember to check for additional notices describing interactive elements such as user interaction, digital purchases, sharing location, and/or if unrestricted Internet access is provided.
- Regardless of where the purchase is made—online or in-store—a little window shopping beforehand can save time and help ensure you make an informed purchase. Review information about video games online before you hit the stores and on product detail pages in app stores prior to downloading a mobile game or app.
- Don't be afraid to play video games with your children and download the apps they're talking about. This can make for great family time, and a good way to learn more about the games they are playing and apps they're using.

