

macOS Ventura 13 privacy guide

Controls & Settings guide

macOS Ventura 13 is the operating system used for Apply Macs. You can set up content and privacy restrictions in Screen Time on Mac to manage what your child has access to from web content to what apps they can download and more. You can also use the Privacy and Security settings in the operating system to manage more options. Find out how to apply these settings to help protect your child's data and keep them safe online.



What do I need?

A Mac device, apple ID and a Screen Time access

Restrictions you can apply



Browser Access



Downloading file sharing



Inappropriate content



Media streaming



Phishing & Malware



Purchasing

Infected Sites



Sharing Data



Sharing location

Step by Step instructions

1. Choose which apps and system services can use Location Services

Step 1

Choose the Apple icon on the menu

Then go to the System Settings, and from there click Privacy & Security in the sidebar.

Step 2

In the System Settings menu toggle Location Services on or off for each app to that you would like to restrict or grant access.

If you turn off this setting on an app, the next time it tries to get your location it will prompt you to turn it back on.

For more details go to the [Apple support page](#) 

2. How to protect the system from malware

Step 1 – Go to the Systems Settings menu and go to the ‘Allow application downloaded from’ option

Step 2 – Under ‘App store’ select ‘Allow only apps that have been downloaded from the App Store.’

Step 3 – Under ‘App Store and identified developers choose ‘Allow apps only from App Store and from developers identified by Apple.’

3. Set up content and privacy restrictions in Screen Time on Mac

Step 1 – Ensure you have set Screen Time for your child – [see how](#) 

Step 2 – If you are connecting through Family Sharing, log into the Mac user account and then make sure you are signed into your Apple ID. If you are not using Family Sharing just log in to a family member's Mac user account.

Step 3 – Select the Apple icon in the menu and click on the Screen Time icon in the sidebar.

Step 4 – If you are using Family Sharing, select the Family Member pop-up menu on the right and then choose the family member.

Step 5 – Select the Content & Privacy option – turn it on if it's off.

4. Change Content Restrictions settings in Screen Time

Web content

Go to Web content and choose 'Limit Adult Websites' from the options. Or you can choose 'Allow Websites Only' and then create a customised list for your child of allowed websites.

Siri

Toggle the following options off, 'Explicit language in Siri and Dictionary' and 'Web Search Content Siri'

Game centre

Turn off the following option to restrict access

Adding Friends
Connect and Friends
Private Messaging
Avatar & Nickname Changes
Profile Privacy Changes

Multiplayer games

Go to this option to choose who your child can play with in the Game Centre:

Choose the following options for these settings

Allow multiplayer games with – select 'only friends added their Game Centre account'

Allow Nearby Multiplayer – If you switch this on your child will be able to play with players who are connected to the same Wi-Fi or Bluetooth range.

5. Restrict films, TV programmes and app purchases in Screen Time

Step 1 – Select 'Store restrictions'

Step 2 – Then turn all the options on or off

6. Manage Preference Restrictions settings

Step 1 –Select 'Preference Restrictions

Step 2 – Then turn the options available on or off

Here are the options that you can allow on iOS or iPadOS devices:

Passcode
Account
Mobile Data
Driving Focus
TV Provider
Background App Activity

If an option is turned off, the Screen Time passcode is required to make a change.