Windows 7

In all editions of the Windows® 7 operating system, you can create separate accounts for each family member. Using the centralized Parental Controls panel, you can also:

> Specify the exact days and times children can use the computer.

> Prevent children from playing games you don't want them to play based on title, content, or age rating. You can also block access to programs—for example, those that store sensitive financial data.

To help keep communications open, the Parental Controls icon is always visible so children know when the feature is in use. (To limit the sites kids can visit and generate reports on their Web activity, install and run Windows Live™ Family Safety.)

NOTE

Learn more about Windows 7 Parental Controls and how to use them: **windows.microsoft.com/ parental-controls**.

More Helpful Info

> The chart on this page may help you decide which settings are right for your family: **microsoft.com/ safetysettings**.

> Look for thorough information on how to protect your family, your privacy, and your computer at **microsoft.com/protect**.

> The Xbox Live Code of Conduct provides guidelines for safe and respectful online gaming: **xbox.com/en-US/legal/codeofconduct.htm**.

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Microsoft Tools Help Keep Families Safer Online

> How Microsoft helps you protect children on the Internet

When it comes to children's safety online, there's no substitute for parental supervision and guidance

To help parents, Microsoft has built family safety tools into a wide range of our products and services. Use them to keep track of what kids are seeing, hearing, and doing online. The tools also let you modify restrictions based on reports of actual activity so you can have informed discussions with kids about how they use the Internet.

Also, we've made it easy to report inappropriate use or content from within most Microsoft services and products. Look for a **Report Abuse** link or send e-mail to **abuse@microsoft.com**. Microsoft takes these reports very seriously, will investigate accordingly, and take appropriate action.

In addition to the tools described in this brochure, Microsoft provides safety guidance and education for everyone using our products and services. We work with law enforcement, industry partners, and government agencies to combat Internet crime and strengthen legislation that protects children from online exploitation.

Windows Live

Windows Live (**home.live.com**) is a set of free online services and programs that includes Hotmail® (e-mail), Messenger (instant messaging), and Spaces (blogging).

Windows Live Family Safety integrates family safety options for these services. When you use a parent-controlled Windows Live ID, you can:

> Require approval before children communicate with a new person through Hotmail or Messenger (even when they log on to computers away from home).

> Manage what kids can view by using filters that allow or block Web sites you specify, thereby preventing access to adult content and permitting younger ones to visit only kid-friendly sites.

> Generate reports for every family member that show what Web sites they've visited. The reports can also give the time kids spend on the computer and the games they've played.

NOTE
Learn more about Windows Live Family Safety features and how to use them: **familysafety.live.com/getstarted**.

XBOX 360 / XBOX LIVE

Xbox 360® and Xbox LIVE®–the Microsoft video game and entertainment system and its online social network, respectively–offer tools to allow parents to create a more secure and age-appropriate gaming environment for all gamers.

You can limit access to games and other video content with the easy-to-use Family Settings in Xbox 360. The console:

> Recognizes video game, movie, and television ratings so you can select age-appropriate rating levels for your Xbox® to protect children, both online and offline.

> Comes with a Family Timer that lets you limit game play on a daily or weekly basis.

> Offers options to manage your child's access to other gamers, voice and text messages, and video communication.

In addition to these tools, Microsoft launched *Get Game Smart*, a campaign to support families in establishing healthy habits for playing video games, watching TV, and browsing the Web. Resources include:

> **GetGameSmart.com**, which brings together the most current family safety tools, expert tips, and other resources.

> A discussion guide, the PACT, that helps families set rules for Internet access, video game choices, screen time, and who kids can play with online.

NOTE
Learn more about Family Settings and how to access them, and download the PACT: **xbox.com/familysettings**.

zune

You can manage children's access to and ability to buy explicit content from the Zune® Marketplace online music store. As a member of the Zune Social online community (which prohibits children 12 and under), you can also specify who can send messages to a child, whether a child can accept friend requests, and who can see a child's list of friends.

NOTE
Learn more about Zune Family Settings and how to use them: **www.zune.net/familysettings**.

Windows Media Center

Use Windows® Media Center in Windows 7 to watch and record live TV on your computer. Its Parental Controls help you restrict viewing based on industry ratings such as PG-13 or TV-14. You can also use the controls to limit access to unrated programming, and block access to programming based on such categories as offensive language, sexual content, or violence.

NOTE
Learn more about Windows Media Center Parental Controls and how to set them: **go.microsoft.com/fwlink/?LinkId=133341**.

Mediaroom

IPTV (Internet Protocol Television) and cable customers who have set-top boxes running Mediaroom™ can manage live and recorded TV, video on demand, and family photos, music, and other personal media.

Use Mediaroom Parental Controls to oversee children's access to individual TV channels as well as rated and unrated shows (including blocking adult-rated programs). They also help you oversee your children's purchase of on-demand video and other content.

NOTE
Find out more about Family Settings in Mediaroom and where Mediaroom is available: **microsoft.com/mediaroom/features.aspx**.