



Online Safety

What are our children
doing online?

- Playing games online
- Sharing videos and photos online
- Talking to others online
- Exploring the internet

Helping young children to safe online

- Explore together
- Initiate (and continue) conversations about online safety
- Help your child identify adults who can help
- Be non-judgemental
- Supervise your child while they're online
- Talk to your child about how their online actions can affect others
- Always encourage younger children to use SafeSearch
- Consider using parental controls

How can I make gaming safer for my child?

- Talk with your child about gaming.
- Learn together.
- Set boundaries and safety settings.

For primary aged children it is advisable to have them play in shared spaces/the same room as you.

How risky is in-game chat?

- chatting with people they don't know.
- inappropriate or unmoderated chat.
- requests to make chat private.
- offering gifts or trades.

Learn more about in-game chat and what you can do to make it safer by reading our [parents and carers guide to in-game chat](#).

How do I know what games are age appropriate for my child?

Pan European Game Information (PEGI) age rating system

The following sites enable parents to research new apps, games and internet sites.

Click here for [NSPCC Net Aware](#)

The screenshot shows the NSPCC website's 'Online safety' section. The header includes the NSPCC logo, the tagline 'EVERY CHILDHOOD IS WORTH FIGHTING FOR', a 'Donate' button, and links for 'Online shop', 'NSPCC Learning', and 'Helpdesk'. A navigation bar contains links for 'What is child abuse?', 'Keeping children safe', 'Support us', 'About us', 'Coronavirus advice', 'Helpline', and 'Search'.

Online safety

It can be hard to know how to talk to your child about online safety. From setting up parental controls to advice on sexting, online games and video apps, we can help you to understand the risks and keep your child safe.

Sexting and sending nudes <i>Advice if you're worried about a child sending, sharing or receiving nude images.</i> Learn more	Talking to your child about online safety <i>Tips on how to start the conversation with your child.</i> Learn more	Inappropriate or explicit content <i>Advice on how to support your child if they've seen something online that's upset them.</i> Learn more
Online games <i>Learn about the risks of online games and how to protect your child.</i> Learn more	Livestreaming and online video apps <i>Advice to help you understand the risks and and keep your child safe.</i> Learn more	Online porn <i>How to support your child if you're worried they're watching porn online.</i> Learn more
Internet connected devices <i>Advice on how to make internet connected toys and devices safe for your child.</i> Learn more	Parental controls <i>How setting up parental controls can help keep your child safe online.</i> Learn more	Net Aware <i>In partnership with CO, your guide to the latest social apps, networks and games.</i> Learn more

The 'Net Aware' link in the bottom right of the grid is circled in red.



Kidschat.net

Kidschat.net is a free online messaging site aimed at children. You can talk to people you don't know on public forums and via private message. You can access the site as a guest or by creating an account.



Kids use this to...



Our safety ratings

Overall safety rating: Very Poor 😞 😞 😞 😞 😞

Safety features



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Content



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How old is
your kid?

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Get age-based picks
for your family.

Get started

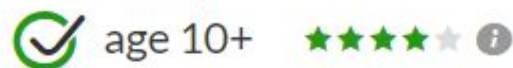
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Among Us

Game review by [Jeff Haynes](#), Common Sense Media



Common Sense says



Simple visuals hide deep gameplay of deception, deduction.

Windows | \$4.99 | 2018

Save | Rate game

Parents say

age 11+



Based on 50 reviews

Kids say

age 10+

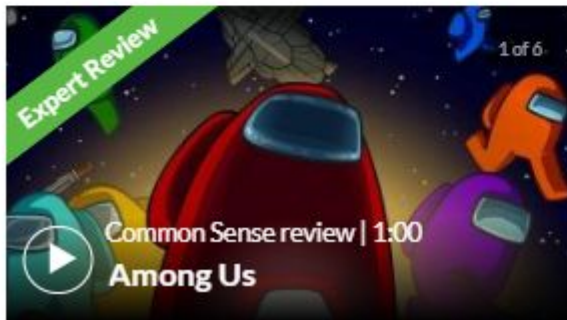


Based on 210 reviews

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A LOT OR A LITTLE?

The parents' guide to what's in this game.

  Positive Messages >	 not present Positive Role Models & Representations >	  Ease of Play >
  Violence >	 not present Sex >	  Language >
  Consumerism >	 not present Drinking, Drugs & Smoking >	

SHARE



WHAT PARENTS NEED TO KNOW

Players need to know that Among Us is a downloadable action/strategy game for Windows PCs. The game has also been released on iOS and Android devices. Players take on the role either of crewmates trying to accomplish tasks or of imposters trying to sabotage these missions and murder the crew. Imposters can kill players in somewhat gory ways, and bodies are left behind, but there's no blood and the cartoonish visuals limit the impact of the deaths. While there's no dialogue, play is

Wondering if Among Us is OK for your kids?

Parents: Set preferences and get age-appropriate recommendations with Common Sense Media Plus. [Join now](#)

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OUR EDITORS RECOMMEND



Star Renegades
Strategy game has retro visuals, strong combat dynamics.
 age 10+

FOR KIDS WHO LOVE STRATEGY

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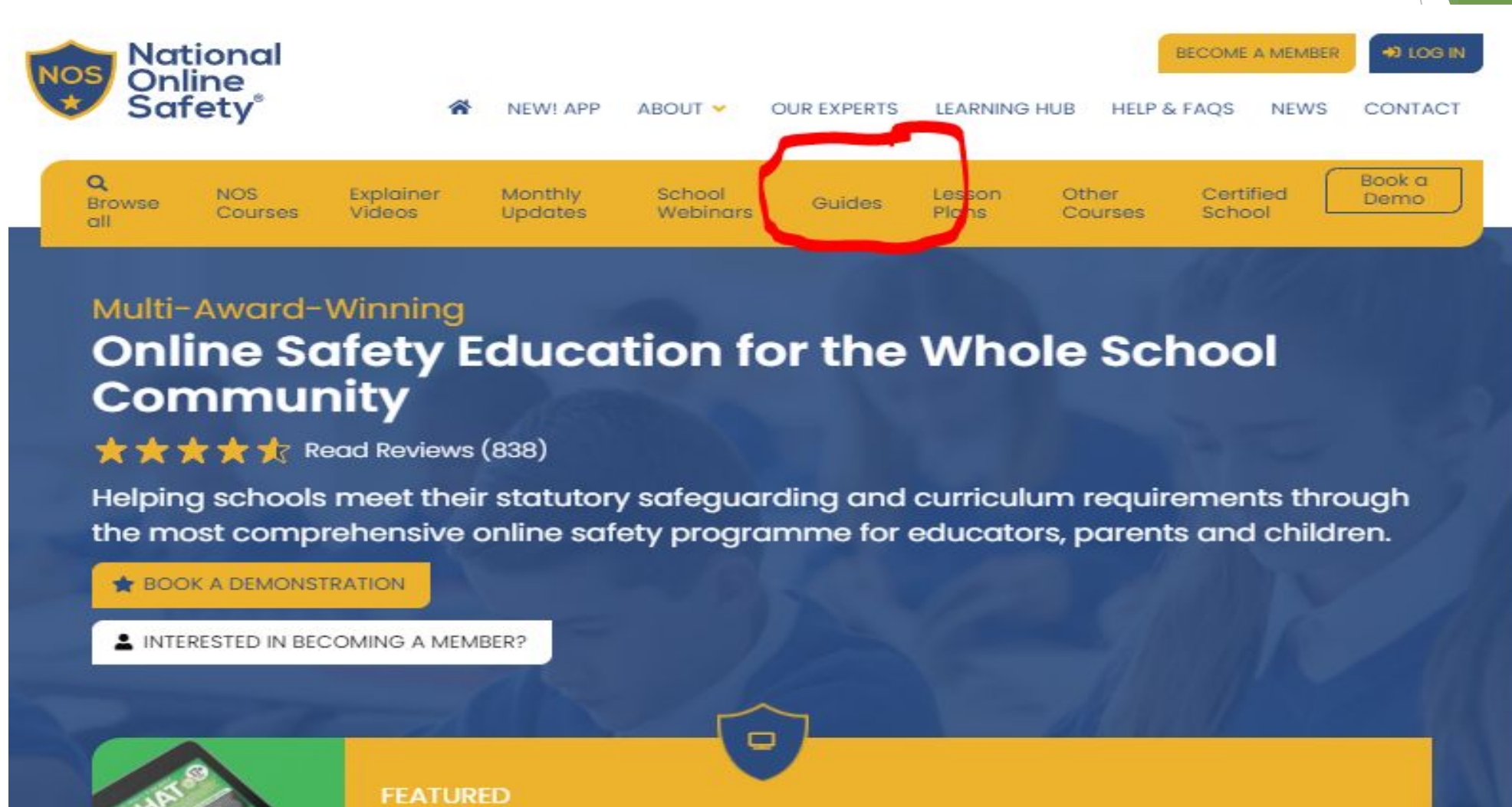
THEMES & TOPICS

Browse titles with similar subject matter.



[TOP ADVICE AND ARTICLES](#)

Click here for National Online Safety



The image shows the homepage of the National Online Safety website. At the top left is the NOS logo, a shield with a star and the text 'National Online Safety'. To the right are buttons for 'BECOME A MEMBER' and 'LOG IN'. Below these is a navigation bar with links: HOME, NEW! APP, ABOUT, OUR EXPERTS, LEARNING HUB, HELP & FAQs, NEWS, and CONTACT. A secondary navigation bar contains links for 'Browse all', 'NOS Courses', 'Explainer Videos', 'Monthly Updates', 'School Webinars', 'Guides' (circled in red), 'Lesson Plans', 'Other Courses', 'Certified School', and 'Book a Demo'. The main content area has a blue background with the text 'Multi-Award-Winning Online Safety Education for the Whole School Community', a 5-star rating with 'Read Reviews (838)', and a description: 'Helping schools meet their statutory safeguarding and curriculum requirements through the most comprehensive online safety programme for educators, parents and children.' Below this are buttons for 'BOOK A DEMONSTRATION' and 'INTERESTED IN BECOMING A MEMBER?'. At the bottom, there is a 'FEATURED' section with a shield icon and a partial view of a tablet displaying 'WHAT'.

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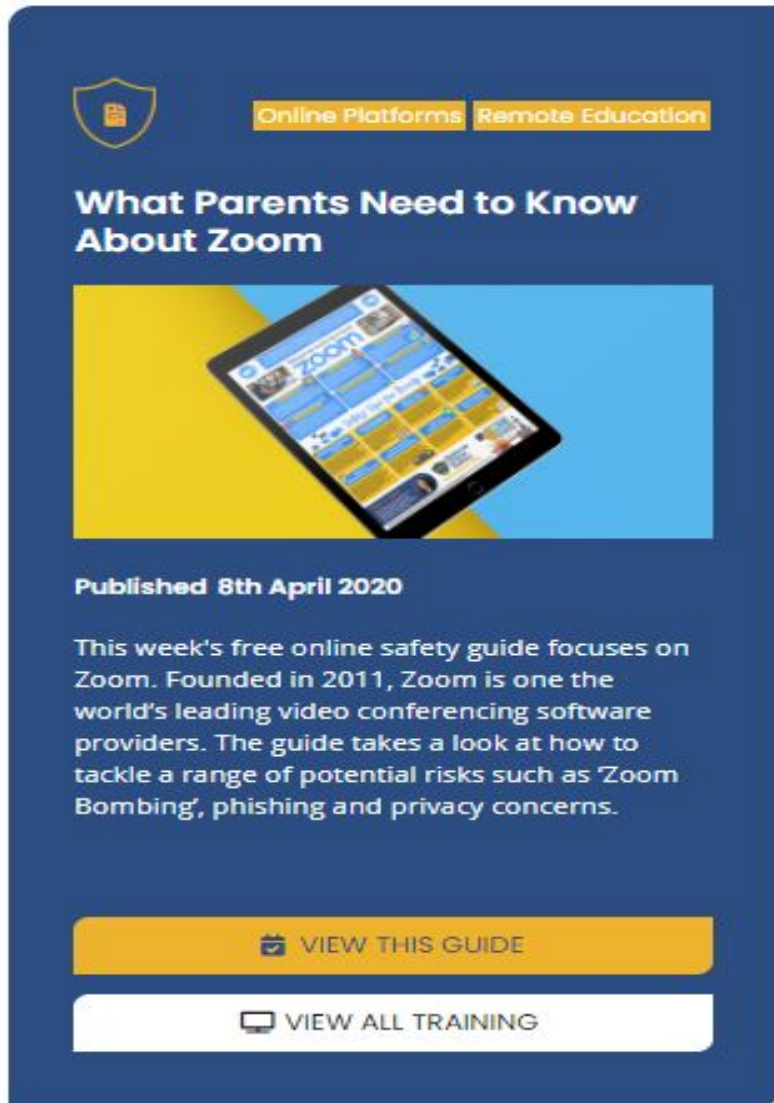
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★ BOOK A DEMONSTRATION

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Free Parent Guides




The image is a screenshot of a digital parent guide. At the top left is a shield icon with a book inside. To its right are two orange tabs labeled 'Online Platforms' and 'Remote Education'. The main title is 'What Parents Need to Know About Zoom'. Below the title is a photo of a tablet displaying the Zoom app interface. Under the photo, it says 'Published 8th April 2020'. A paragraph of text follows, describing Zoom as a leading video conferencing software and mentioning risks like 'Zoom Bombing', phishing, and privacy concerns. At the bottom are two buttons: an orange one with a calendar icon and the text 'VIEW THIS GUIDE', and a white one with a monitor icon and the text 'VIEW ALL TRAINING'.


Online Platforms Remote Education

What Parents Need to Know About Zoom

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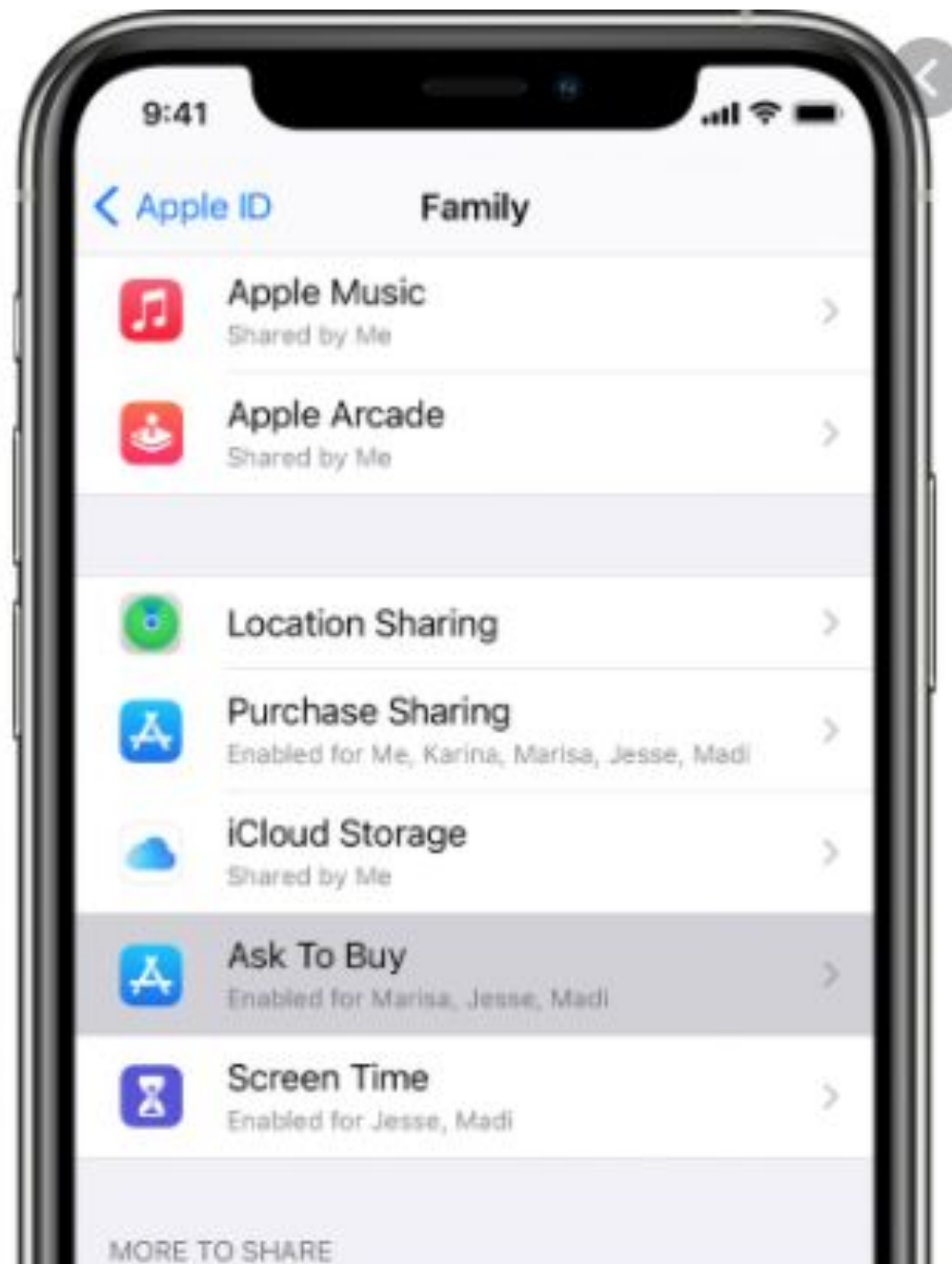
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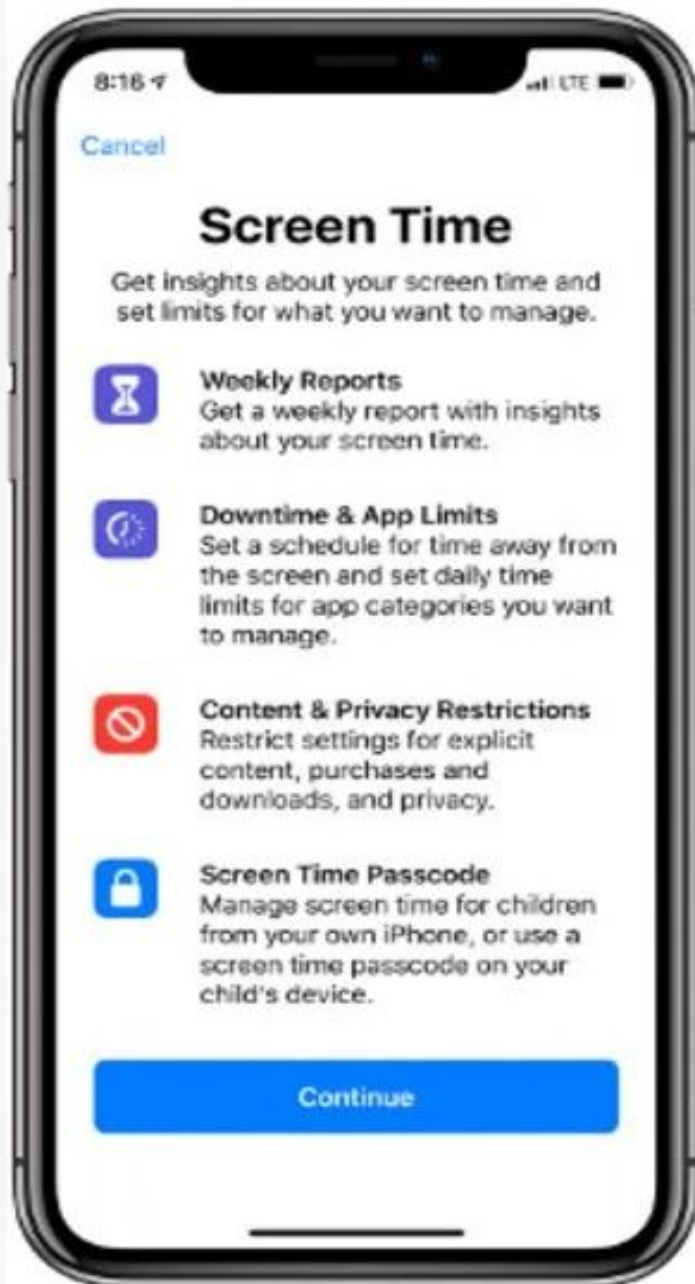
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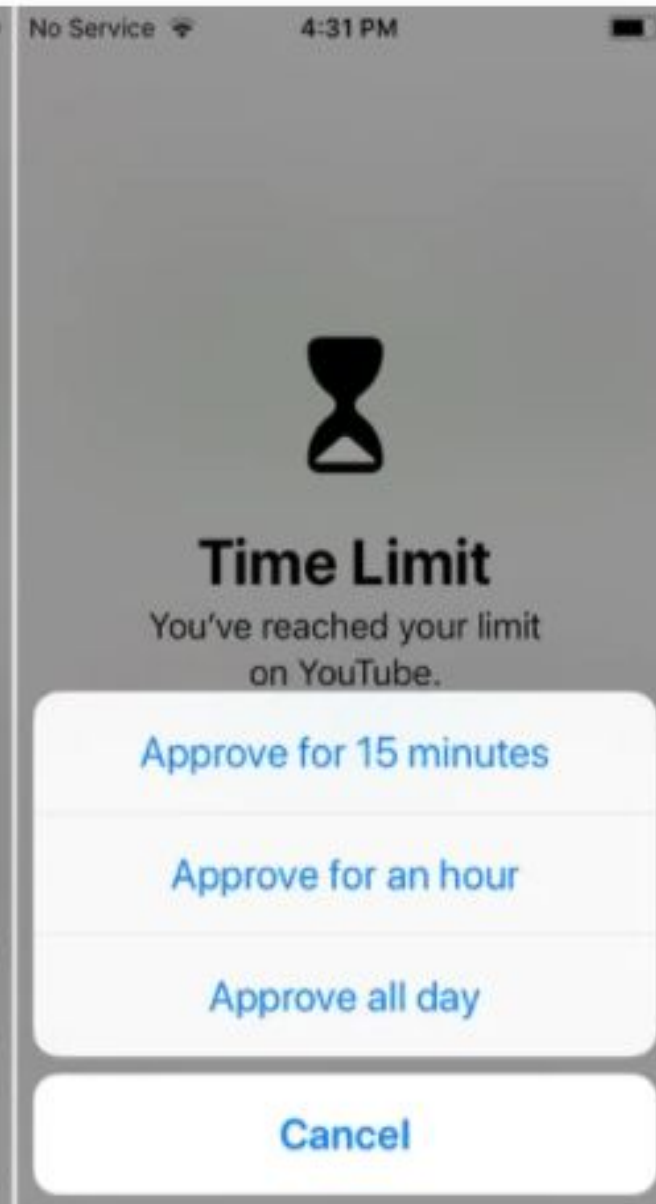
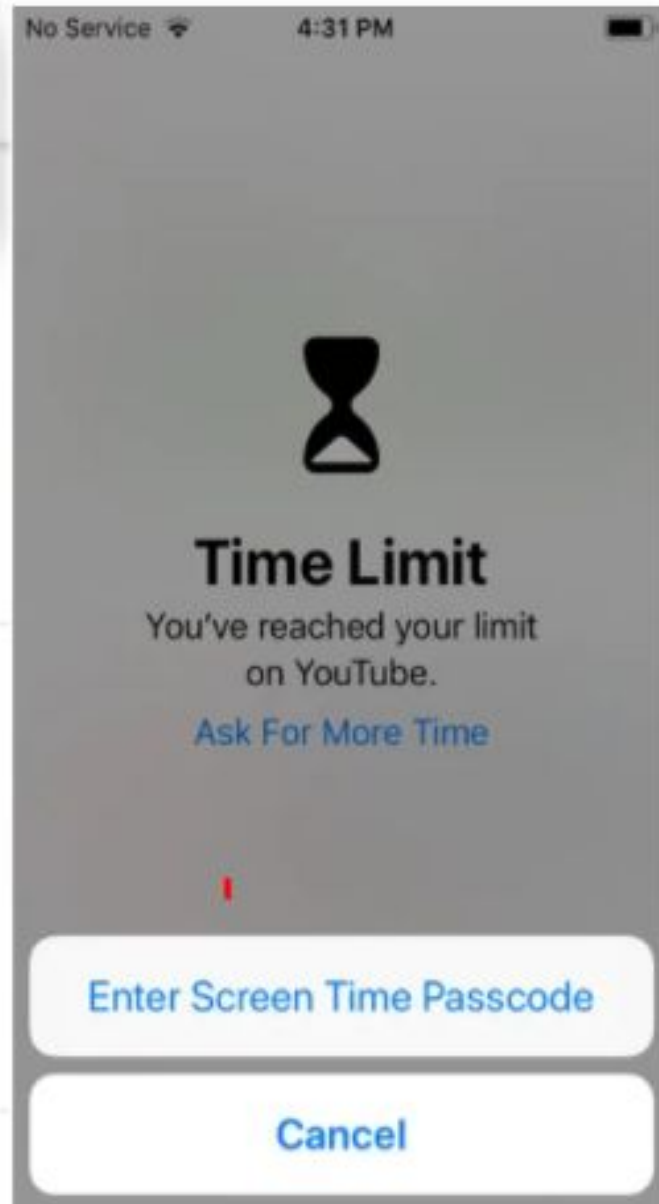
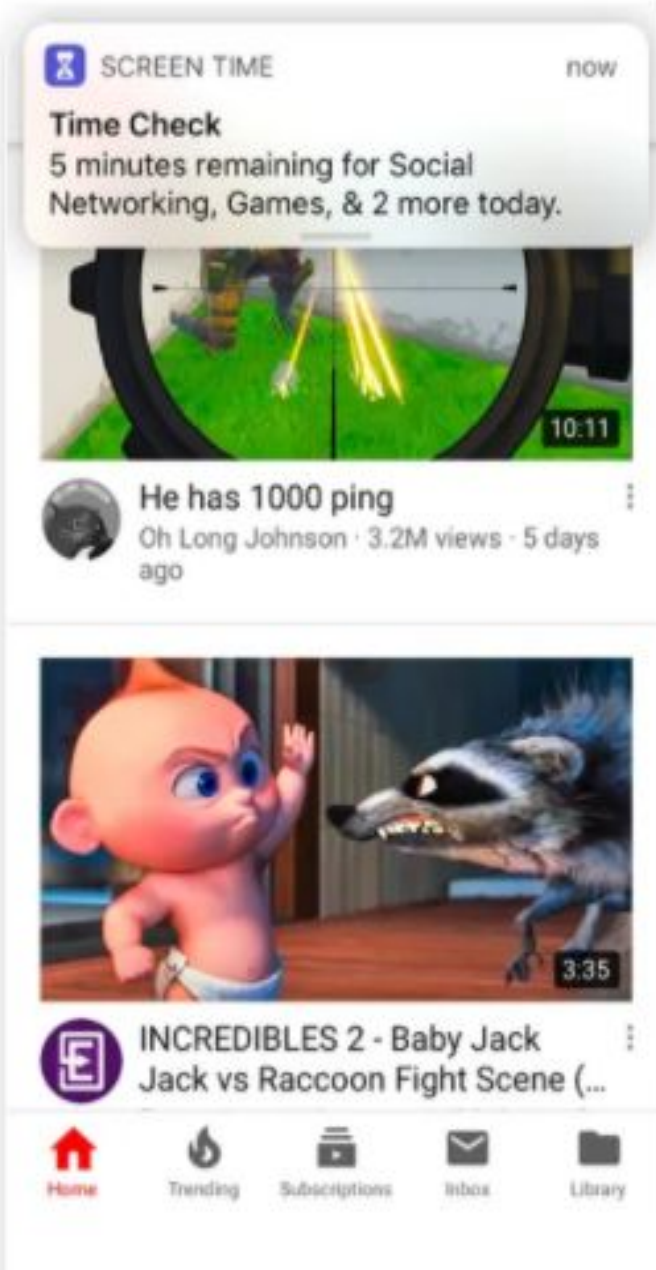
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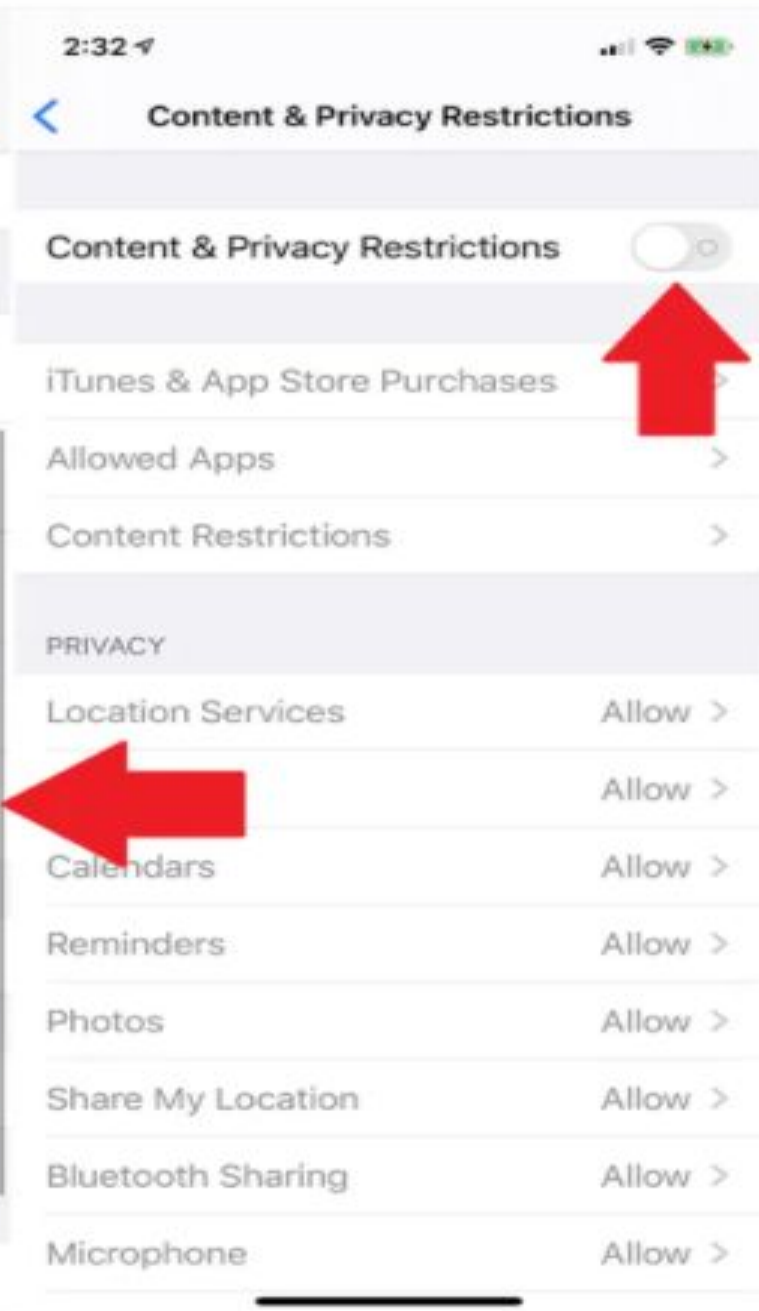
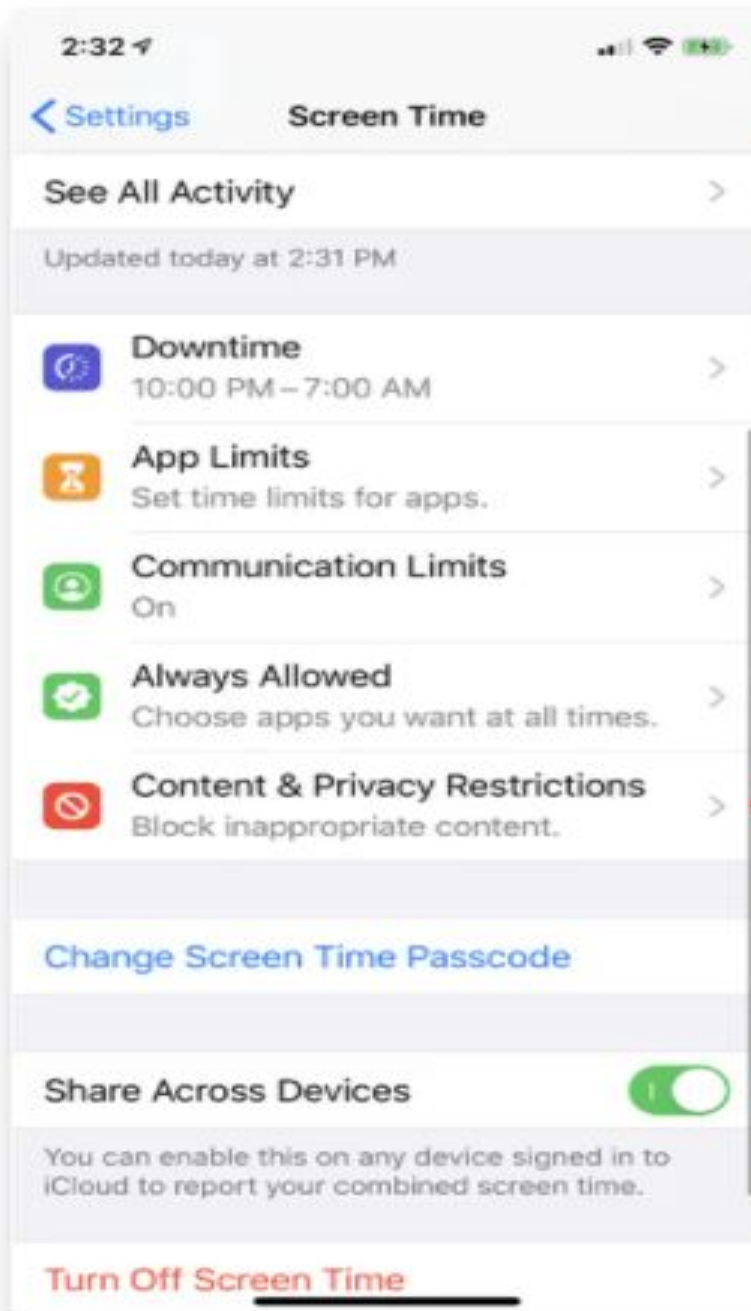
- ▶ Handy guides
- ▶ Explain new content, apps and uses
- ▶ Ensure you are one step ahead
- ▶ Help you to make safe choices
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» BEST FOR INTERFACE

Qustodio

Qustodio is a straightforward and highly configurable tool for managing your child's online activity.



[See Details](#)

» BEST FOR MOBILE APPS

Mobicip

Mobicip's lets you easily block screen time and establish rules for mobile apps.



[See Details](#)

» BEST FOR TIME MANAGEMENT

McAfee Safe Family

McAfee Safe Family allows you to easily limit your children's screen time.



[See Details](#)

Online Games



Gaming chat platforms



Top tips for staying safe

Explore it together



Talk to them about who they're talking to



Show them how to create and leave games



Switch on chat filtering



Agree some rules around gaming



Let your child know they can talk to you



Popular Apps



WORRIED ABOUT SOMETHING?

Sometimes things happen online that make us feel worried, scared or upset. Whatever has happened, it is not your fault.

The best thing to do is tell an adult you trust what has happened and how you are feeling. They will be able to help you.



Remember, always tell an adult if someone is:

- Putting pressure on you to do something that doesn't feel right.
- Saying something bad will happen if you don't do what they say.
- Offering you something that seems too good to be true.

WHO CAN HELP?

Think of an adult you trust who makes you feel safe. They might be:

- your dad, mum or carer
- another family member
- your teacher or another adult at school
- another grown up who looks after you

After you've talked to them, if you feel you still need help, don't give up! Tell another adult you trust. You will be able to get the help you need.

You can also get help by calling Childline on 0800 1111, or click [here](#) for an online chat with a Childline counsellor.

HOW TO ASK FOR HELP

There are lots of ways to ask an adult to help you. Here are some ideas:

"Nan, I'm feeling scared. Can I talk to you?..."

"Ms Smith, can I talk to you? I'm worried about something..."

"Dad, something happened when I was gaming. Can you help me?..."

Tell them about how you are feeling and explain what has happened. The adult should listen and help you.

Questions

