A Guide To Parental Controls For An
Android Phone

Android smartphones do not offer parental controls for the device itself. Instead, it gives you control over the apps downloaded and content accessed through the Google Play store.

What types of content can I restrict?

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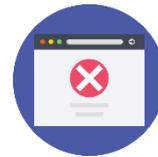
Inappropriate content

Apps blocking

In-app purchasing

The parental controls are, unfortunately, not very comprehensive. Nonetheless, setting up the controls for your child's device will be an easy process. It mainly involves setting maturity levels for the apps and content they can access, and a PIN for purchases on Google Play store.

What do I do?

1. On the Android phone that you want to set up parental controls on, open the **Play Store** app.
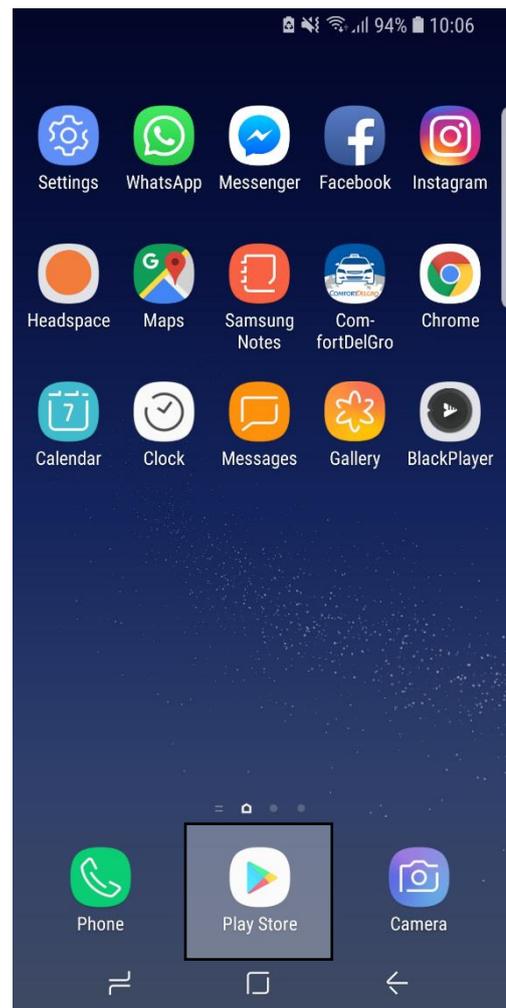
2. Click the **Menu** on the top left corner.
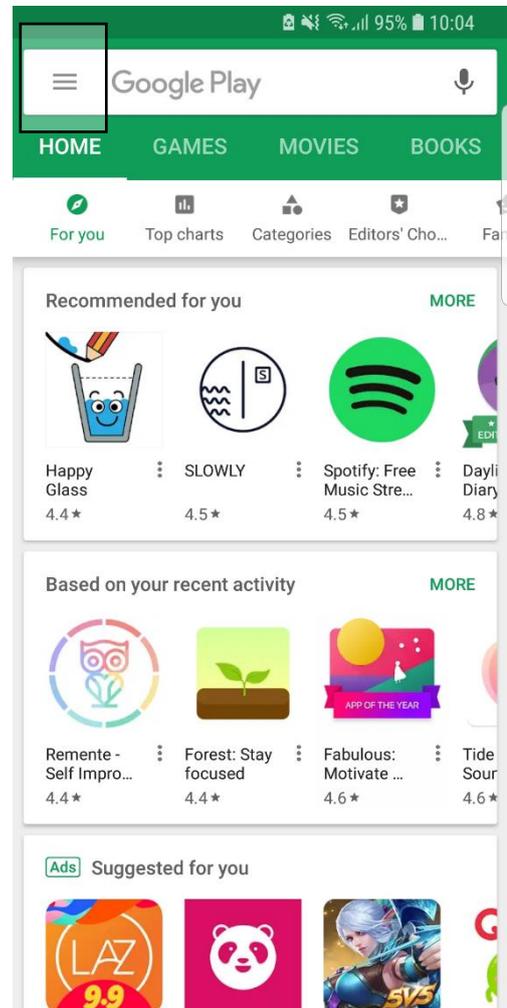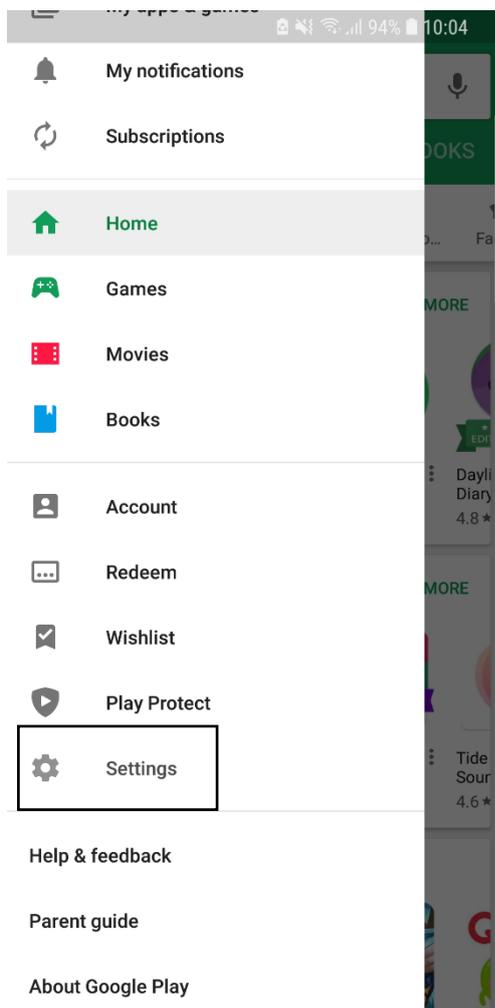
3. Click **Settings.**

4. Click **Parental Controls**.

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← Settings

General

Notifications
Manage notification settings

App download preference
Over any network

Auto-update apps
Auto-update apps over Wi-Fi only.

Clear local search history
Remove searches that you have performed
from this device

User controls

Parental controls
Off

Require authentication for purchases
Never

Use apps without installation
Manage Android instant apps on this device

About

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← Parental controls ❓

Parental controls are off

Set content restrictions
Set a restriction for each type of content

🤖 Apps & games
Allow all, including unrated

5.   Turn Parental Controls **On**.

6. You will be asked to set a PIN, so that your child cannot change the settings you choose.
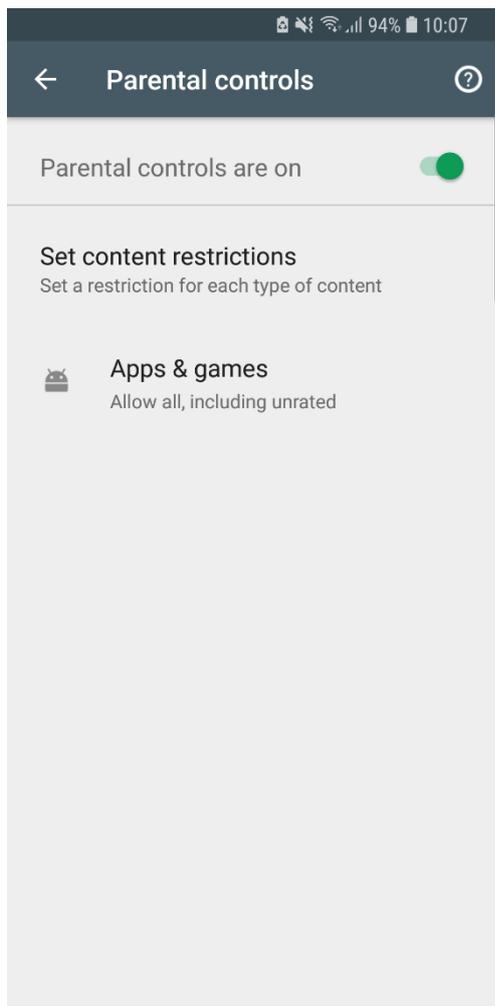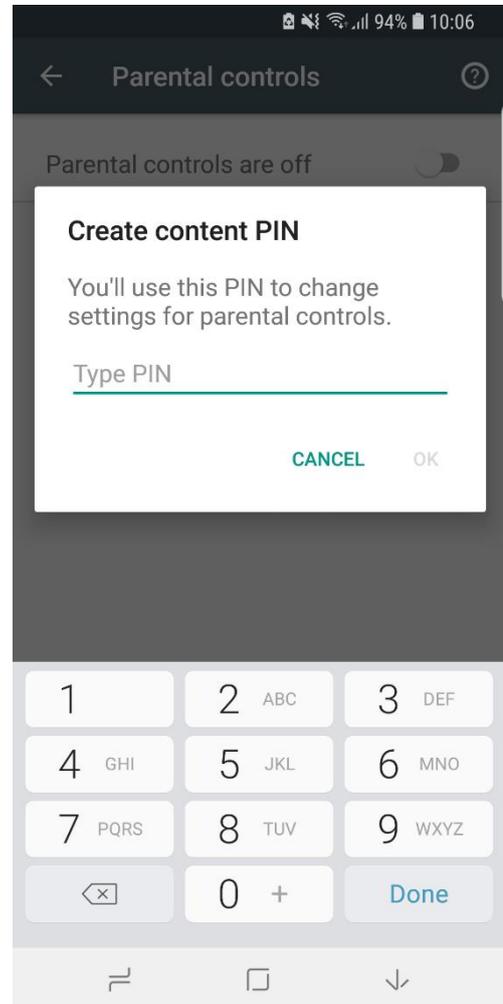
7. You can set content restrictions for different types of content on your child's device.

8. Select a content category. For example, if you click **Apps & Games**, you will be given the option to filter content to different age levels.

   Once you set up the parental controls, you can turn it off and on. When you turn it back on and create a new PIN, your old settings will be in place. This makes it easy to share a device with your child.
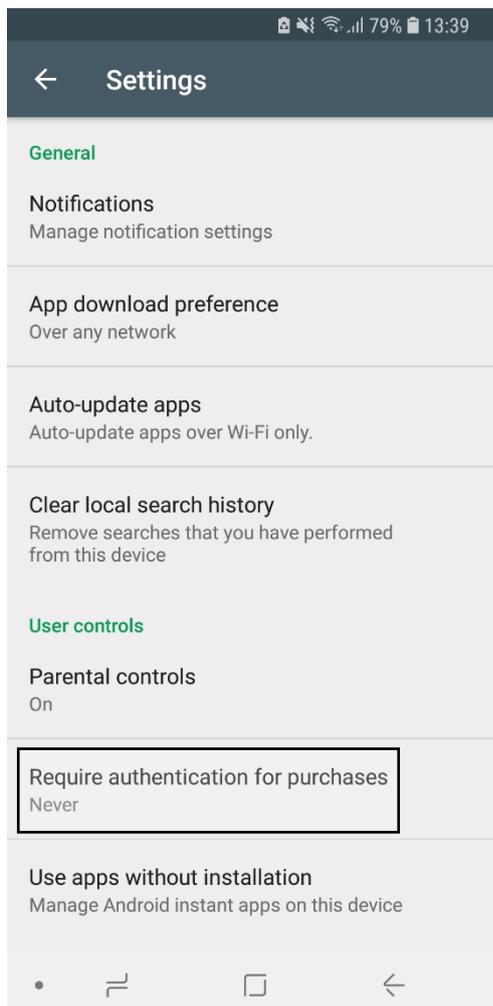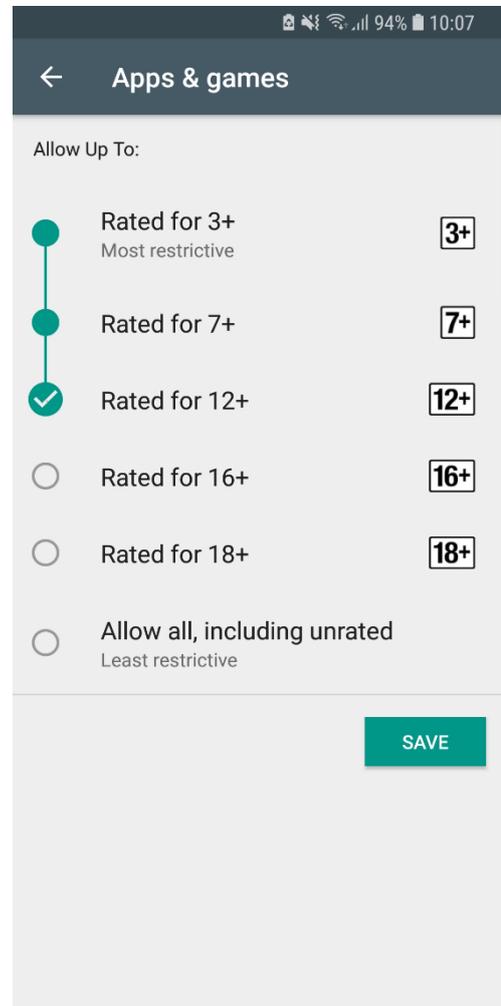
9. Now, return to the main Settings page. Click **Require authentication for purchases**.

10. In the pop-up, you can select **For all purchases through Google Play on this device** so that your child will need your permission, i.e., your Google account password, to make purchases.

The other options are to give 30 minutes from entering your password for your child to make all purchases, or disabling authentication.

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