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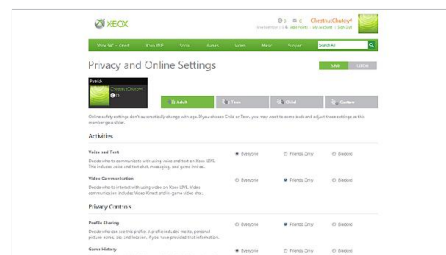
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Change your Xbox 360 online safety and privacy settings on Xbox.com

You can change the online safety and privacy settings for any profile on your console. Here's how:

Change your safety and privacy settings

1. Go to the [My Account](#) page.
2. At the upper right-hand corner of the page, click **Sign In** to sign in to your Xbox Live account.
3. Under **Settings and Preferences**, click **Privacy and Online Settings**.
4. Change the settings to whatever you'd like.



Change your child's safety and privacy settings

1. Go to the [My Account](#) page.
2. In the upper-right corner of the page, click **Sign In**, and sign in with the Microsoft account of the child whose settings you want to change.
3. Under **Settings and Privacy**, click **Child**.

Note You will be prompted for the parental Microsoft account in order to make changes to the child account's safety settings.

4. Change the settings to whatever you'd like.

Disable Internet browsing on Xbox for a child account

For information about how to disable access to Internet Explorer on your Xbox 360 console, see the [Restrict your child's access to Internet Explorer on Xbox Live](#) page.

Default online safety and privacy settings in Xbox 360

Default values for online safety and privacy settings are based on the birthdate you entered when you created your account.

The following table shows the default settings for each age group:

	Adult	Teen	Child
Activity settings			
Online Gameplay	N/A	Allowed	Allowed
Accept Friend Requests	N/A	Blocked	Blocked
Purchasing	N/A	Blocked	Blocked

Voice and Text	Everyone	Friends only	Friends only
Video Communication	Friends only	Friends only	Blocked
Web Browsing	Allowed	Allowed	Blocked
Privacy settings			
Profile Sharing	Friends only	Friends only	Blocked
Kinect Sharing	Friends Only	Friends Only	Blocked
Social Network Sharing	Allowed	Blocked	Blocked
Game Activity	Everyone	Friends only	Blocked
Online Status	Everyone	Friends only	Friends only
Video and Music Status	None	None	None
Friends List	Everyone	Friends only	Blocked
Voice Data Collection	Blocked	Blocked	Blocked
Voice Search Data	Not Set	Not Set	Not Set
Exercise Info Sharing	Offline	Offline*	Offline*
Content settings			
Filtering	Standard	Standard	Family
Profile Viewing	Everyone	Friends only	Blocked
Member Content	Everyone	Friends only	Blocked
Explicit Music	Allowed	Blocked	Blocked
Opt-in settings			
Xbox Marketing	Opt Out	Opt Out	Opt Out
Partner Marketing	Opt Out	Opt Out	Opt Out

*Minors cannot select "Everyone" when sharing Exercise Info.

Activity settings

The following table describes the Xbox Live activity settings that you can control:

This setting...	Controls a player's ability to...	Options
Online Gameplay	Decide whether or not a child can connect to Xbox Live and play games with other Xbox Live players including friends. <i>Only child accounts have this setting.</i>	- Allowed - Blocked
Accept Friend Requests If set to Blocked, the adult account must approve all friend requests.	Decide whether or not a child can accept Xbox Live friend requests without parental approval. Friend requests act like a contact list and also change what information can be seen on Xbox Live. <i>Only child accounts have this setting.</i>	- Allowed - Blocked
Purchasing	Decide whether or not a child can purchase items on Xbox Live, such as arcade games, game add-ons and other items. <i>Only child accounts have this setting.</i>	- Allowed - Blocked

Voice and Text	Decide who to communicate with using voice, text and game invites.	• Everyone • Friends Only • Blocked
Video Communication	Decide who to interact with using video on Xbox Live. Includes Video Kinect and in-game video chat.	• Everyone • Friends Only • Blocked
Web Browsing	Decide if launching Internet Explorer and having access to web browsing through your console is allowed.	• Allowed • Blocked

Privacy settings

The following table describes the privacy settings that you can set:

This setting...	Controls...	Options
Profile Sharing	Who can see your Xbox Live profile – including personal information, game history and achievements	• Everyone • Friends Only • Blocked
Kinect Sharing	Whether or not you can upload photos and videos that you take while playing Kinect games to websites or services such as KinectShare.com. You can download, print and share photos that you upload to KinectShare.com. Learn how to share in-game photos and videos.	• Allowed • Blocked
Social Network Sharing	Whether or not the profile can post to social networks such as Facebook.	• Allowed • Blocked
Game History	Who can see your game history and your achievements	• Everyone • Friends Only • Blocked
Online Status	Who can see what game or application you are currently playing	• Everyone
Video Status	Who can see the title of the video you are viewing while connected to Xbox Live	• Everyone • Friends Only • Blocked
Friends List	Who can see your friends list	• Everyone • Friends Only • Blocked
Voice Data Collection	Whether Microsoft can collect samples of voice commands spoken when using Kinect. This information will be used to help improve Microsoft speech recognition.	• Allowed • Blocked
Exercise Info Sharing	Choose if, and how, your exercise info is shared on Xbox Live between everyone, your friends, no-one or not stored on Xbox Live at all. Minors cannot select "Everyone" when sharing Exercise Info.	• Everyone • Friends Only • Private • Offline

Content settings

The following table describes the online content settings that you can set. If you want to control which games can be played and what content can be watched, please see [Xbox 360 console parental controls](#).

This setting...	Controls whether the account...
Family Dashboard	Can receive standard Xbox Dashboard or the Family Dashboard with family Xbox Live programming.
Profile Viewing	Can see other people's profiles. A profile includes information about a member's game history and achievements. It can also contain a gamer's motto and personal information that might be inappropriate for children.
Member Content	Can see member-created content on Xbox Live. Member content includes images, text and custom content in games, which might be inappropriate.
Explicit Music	Can play explicit music and music videos on your console and Zune.

Opt-in options

The following table describes marketing settings that you can set:

Xbox Marketing	Don't miss out! Get insider information, including news on games, latest releases, downloadable demos, videos and other rewards and promotions.
Partner Marketing	Do you want to share your information with our third-party partners (such as game publishers) so that they can communicate with you about their products?

Promote a child account to an adult account in Xbox 360

Xbox Live determines whether an account is a child account or an adult account based on the age of the account owner. Account owners who are younger than 18 are given child accounts in the United States. The legal adult age varies by country and region (for example, the adult age in Korea is 20).

Child accounts are tied to an adult's Microsoft account. The adult account can control Family Settings and restrict some features of Xbox Live.

After you reach the age of adulthood (which varies by country and region), you can promote a child account to an adult account. This promotion removes the Family Settings and Xbox Live restrictions.

To promote a child account to an adult account

- Sign in to Xbox Live by using the account that you want to change.
- Go to **Settings** and then select **Account**.
- Select **Promote Child Account**.

Note The age of an account owner is calculated by using the date of birth provided when the account was created. This date cannot be changed. If you entered an incorrect date of birth when you created the account, your only option is to create a new account using the correct date of birth. This option is available only if the date of birth for the account indicates that you have reached the age of adulthood (18 in the United States). The legal adult age varies by country and region.

- Follow the on-screen instructions to promote the account.

Note If you want to control the console itself – for example, to limit the amount of time the console can be used on a daily basis, or limit the content types that can be viewed on the console – please see [Xbox 360 console parental controls](#). To learn about ESRB Ratings and safe gaming tips, please see [GetGameSmart.com](#).

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