

Microsoft Family Safety in Windows 10

Summary:

Overall the filtering is limited to the point of being unusable. It may be useful as an accountability reporting solution but it only can collect information from windows 10 PC's and mobile devices and it is limited to only the Microsoft browsers. We still recommend using Qustodio as your device based filter.

1. **Filtering:**

- a. Limited to "on" or "off". "adult content" is blocked. Not sure what that means. No categories or levels of filtering
 - b. Only works on Microsoft Edge or Internet explorer. Supposedly other browsers will be disabled on the device. Have not tested this
 - c. Only works on Windows 10 PC and Mobile devices
 - d. Whitelisting can be done but only with Windows 10 November update or newer
2. **Filtering:** Limited to "on" or "off". "adult content" is blocked. Not sure what that means. No categories or levels of filtering
 3. **Apps, games, media:** Microsoft assigns a certain rating level applicable to each age. There doesn't seem to be much flexibility for other adjustments
 4. **Screen time:** can limit PC or Xbox screen time, no indication of mobile device limits.
 5. **Find your child:** can show on map the GPS location of your child's mobile device

Details from Microsoft

Windows provides a level of accountability and filtering that may be useful. It is called Family Safety. Here are a couple high points

1. A Microsoft account is required. This means that you will need to change all your computer logins from a "local" account to a Microsoft account. The benefit to this is no matter what computer your child uses their account settings will be the same as they are pulled from Microsoft.
2. You will need to add your child to your family account at account.microsoft.com/family

Details from Microsoft Shared Family Calendar

- It's an Outlook calendar for your Microsoft family.
- Everyone in your family gets automatic access to it, and can view and setup events.

- Access the shared family calendar on any device (Windows, iOS, Android) when you add your Microsoft account to that device.
- If you don't see a family calendar just yet, sit tight. We're still rolling out this new experience, and we'll send you an email once we create your family calendar.

One Microsoft family for Windows PC , Windows Phone and Xbox

Manage your family in one place at account.microsoft.com/family. See the settings for each child in your family, and make changes to their settings online.

Screen Time changes

- Set multiple screen time limits per day for your kids' devices. You can also view the allowed time in a calendar.
- When your child runs out of screen time on a device, enter your password and give them more screen time on the same device. This works even when you don't have internet access.

Add new members to your family

Instead of sending new email invites to new members, add them directly from account.microsoft.com/family.

Notifications from your kids

When your kid asks permission to browse a blocked website, you'll get a toast notification on your Windows PC and you can give permission right away.

Safer web browsing

- Most commonly used browsers don't have web filtering. To keep your children safer, we'll automatically block these browsers on their devices. You can always choose to allow your child to use other browsers.
- Allow list only for Web browsing : Choose which websites you want you want to allow your kid to visit. They'll be blocked from any other websites not on the allowed list. Turn on website blocking at account.microsoft.com/family.

Activity Reporting

Easily see your kid's activity for the past week. We'll send you an email with your kid's activity info and links to account.microsoft.com/family for more detailed info.

Family friendly Store

- Easily add money to your kid's Microsoft account, and set limits for how much your kids spend in the store on account.microsoft.com/family.
- Review the credit cards on your child's account.

- When your child is browsing content in the store they'll only be able to see age appropriate content.