IT SERVICES HELP GUIDE

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Safeguarding on PlayStation 4

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STEP 1: ACCESSING PARENTAL CONTROLS

The first step is to scroll up on the PS4's home screen, scroll over to the right and select Settings.

From here, click on Parental Controls.

On the Parental Controls screen, you'll have two options:
Restrict Use of PS4 Features
Sub Account Management.
Select Sub Accounts first, unless you want to restrict content on your PS4 for all users (you probably don't).
Sub Accounts are also called Family Accounts, depending on your version of the PlayStation 4 firmware.
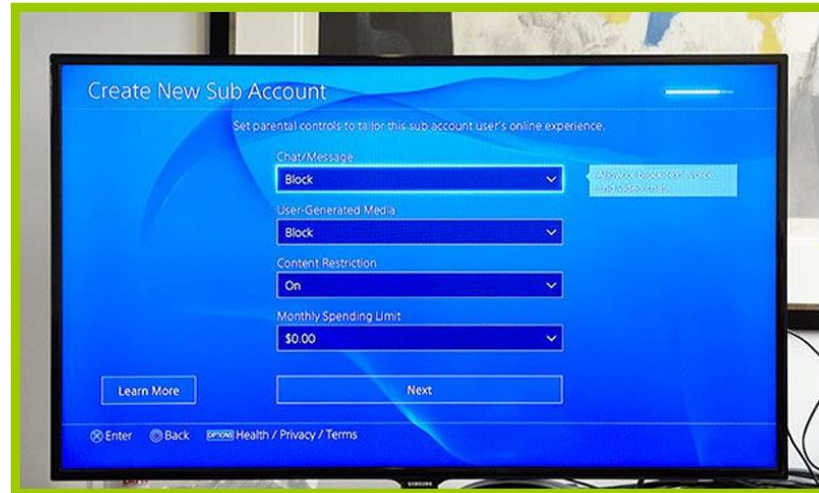
STEP 2: CREATING A SUB ACCOUNT

The process of creating a sub account is very similar to creating a full profile. Select Create New Sub Account and accept the terms of use. When creating a child account, you will be prompted to allow PlayStation to charge.

The next 3 steps are pretty simple

1. Have your child select his/her language and date of birth.

2. Your child should then enter his/her or your email address and select a password.

3. Finally, select a location — it should match the one you selected for your own profile.

STEP 3: BLOCK AND ALLOW CONTENT

Create New Sub Account

Set parental controls to tailor this sub account user's online experience.

Chat/Message
Block

User-Generated Media
Block

Content Restriction
On

Monthly Spending Limit
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On the next screen, you'll be able to choose what functionality you'd like to block, and which you'd like to allow. You can choose whether you want to let your child play online, download user-generated content or let other people use their PSN accounts on your PS4, among other things.

Once this process is complete, return to the Parental Controls menu, and select Restrict Use of PS4 Features. This is where you'll be able to determine exactly what kind of content your child can access. If you're comfortable with anything and everything, then leave the settings as they are.

Restrict Use of PS4 Features

🔧 Application   Level 9
Set the control level for playing an application (game) that has parental control restrictions. The lower the level, the tighter the control.

🔧 Blu-ray Disc™   Allow

🔧 DVD   Allow

🔧 Internet Browser   Allow

🔧 Select [New User] and Log in to PS4   Allow

🔧 Change Passcode

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STEP 4: SETTING ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

In order to use these features, you'll need a 4-digit passcode. By default, the code is "0000," but you can alter it by choosing Change Passcode.

You can restrict games based on different levels on a scale of 1 to 11. Level 2 allows only EC-rated (Early Childhood) games. Level 3 allows E (Everyone), Level 4 allows E10+ (Everyone age 10 and up), Level 5 allows Teen and Level 9 allows Mature. The system is set to 9 by default.

STEP 5: SETTING ACCESS RESTRICTIONS

Similarly, you can set age ratings for Blu-ray discs. Just keep in mind that not all Blu-rays are required to have an age rating. You'll be fine with movies and TV shows from major companies, but be careful with your stash of gory horror films from indie studios.

The process is extremely similar with DVDs, except it functions on the PS4 game 1-to-11 rating scale instead of the Blu-ray age gate. Remember that 9 allows almost everything, while 2 is suitable for toddlers.

You can also enable or disable the PS4's Internet browser as you see fit.