

# Child safety on YouTube: Parent Factsheet



## What is the problem?

- YouTube has videos that appear to be for children, as they include cartoon characters such as Peppa Pig and Disney Characters. However these videos can include violent and disturbing content later in the videos. One example is Peppa Pig being tortured at the dentist.
- The videos can appear in YouTube search results when children are looking for genuine videos they enjoy.

## What safety options are there on YouTube Kids?

- YouTube Kids automatically filters out inappropriate content.

You can set parental controls and change the settings:

- tap the 'Lock' icon in the bottom corner of any page.
- enter your custom passcode and click 'settings'.
- You can turn the search function off, set a timer to limit how much time your child spends on the app and you can block videos or channels you don't want your child to watch:
  - tap the 3 dots at the top of the video, tap 'block this video'
- YouTube Kids does have advertising but YouTube says it restricts adverts that aren't child friendly.

## What safety options are there on YouTube?

- Turn on 'restricted mode'
- This hides videos that may contain inappropriate content.
- YouTube says that 'no filter is 100% accurate, but it should help you avoid most inappropriate content'.

On the website:

- click on the icon in the top-right corner that represents your YouTube account; in the drop-down menu look for 'Restricted Mode'

In the app:

- tap Settings, then 'Restricted Mode Filtering', and turn it on

## How else can I ensure my safety online?

- Try to be in the same room as you when they are using the internet.
- Regularly check the history of videos they have watched online for anything inappropriate.