

Roblox

Parent Guide

All about the popular gaming platform

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Parental
Guidance.

Age rating

7+

What is it?

Roblox is a highly popular **gaming platform** with a wide selection of games. It is available on all **major devices** and **free to download**.

Roblox lets users **create their own games**. It also has many features of a social media platform, including the option to **add friends, customise characters and message people**.

Roblox has a PEGI rating of **7+**, but Apple's app store rates it as **10+**.

What are the risks?

User-created games can pose quite a serious risk. Although games **shouldn't contain depictions of sex or violence**, some game creators ignore this.

There have been **reports** of **sexualised characters in games**, particularly in chat spaces referred to as '**condos**'. Some games also **depict recreations of mass shootings**. Roblox takes serious measures to remove these games.

In-game chat is **moderated**, but there is always a risk that your child could be talking with adults in this space.

Roblox uses **in-game purchases**. Most purchases aren't essential to gameplay, but keep in mind that children may feel pressurised to spend large sums of money on these games.

What safety settings are there?

Go to **Account Restrictions** to set up your child's account so that they can only access games **officially created by Roblox**. This will prevent them from seeing inappropriate games.

Privacy Settings let you manage who can message your child and vice versa. Particularly if they are young, it's a good idea to **make sure that they can't interact with people they don't know**.

You can **report** a player in-game by going to the **flag icon** above their name and selecting 'report'. You can **block** a player by going to their profile, clicking on the **three dots by their username** and selecting 'block'.

What else should I do?

Roblox offers children the exciting opportunity to **play creatively** with their friends and even **code their own games**.

Be mindful of the in-game transactions and the pressure your child may feel to spend money on games. Make sure that you **don't have any card details saved on your device**.

Explain how to block and report players to your child, and make sure that they **feel comfortable coming to you if they experience any issues**.