

Setting Parental & Safety Controls on Smart Devices



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1. The Router



Buy a Home Wifi Router that allows a Parent to control different levels of access on different devices within the home network as well as also allowing insights into your children's online activities



2. The Phone & Tablet

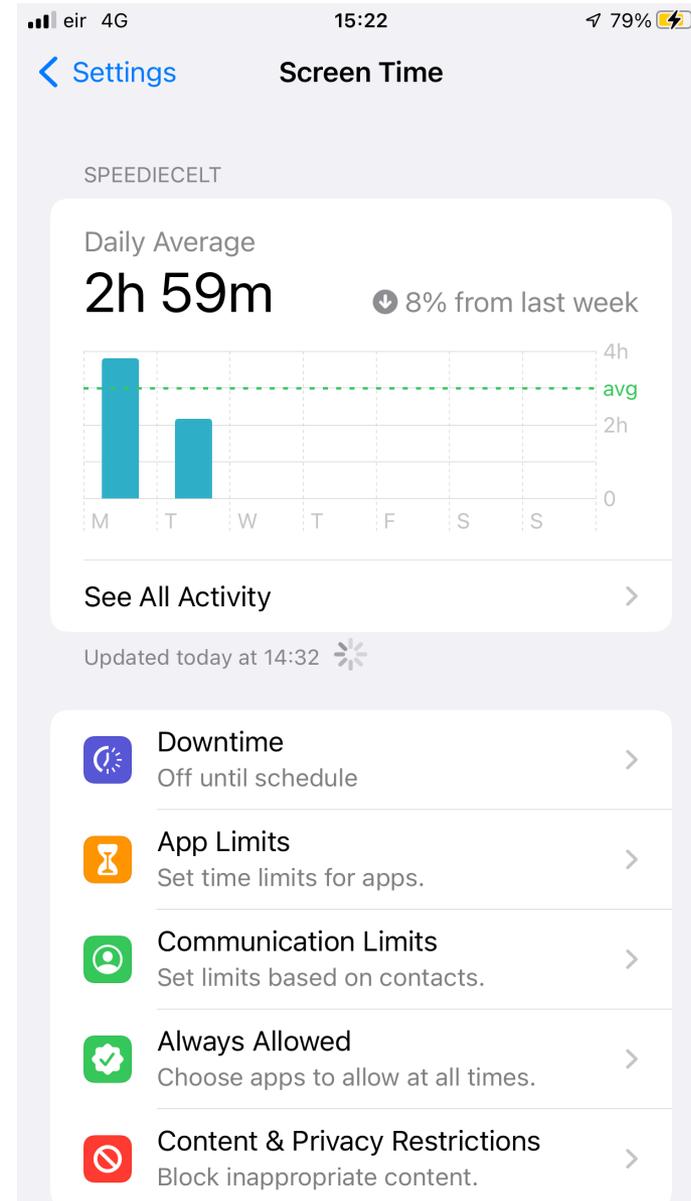


As with computers, the phone and tablet can be set up with parental controls that allows the parent administrator to specify exactly what other users (children) can and can't do with their smart device.

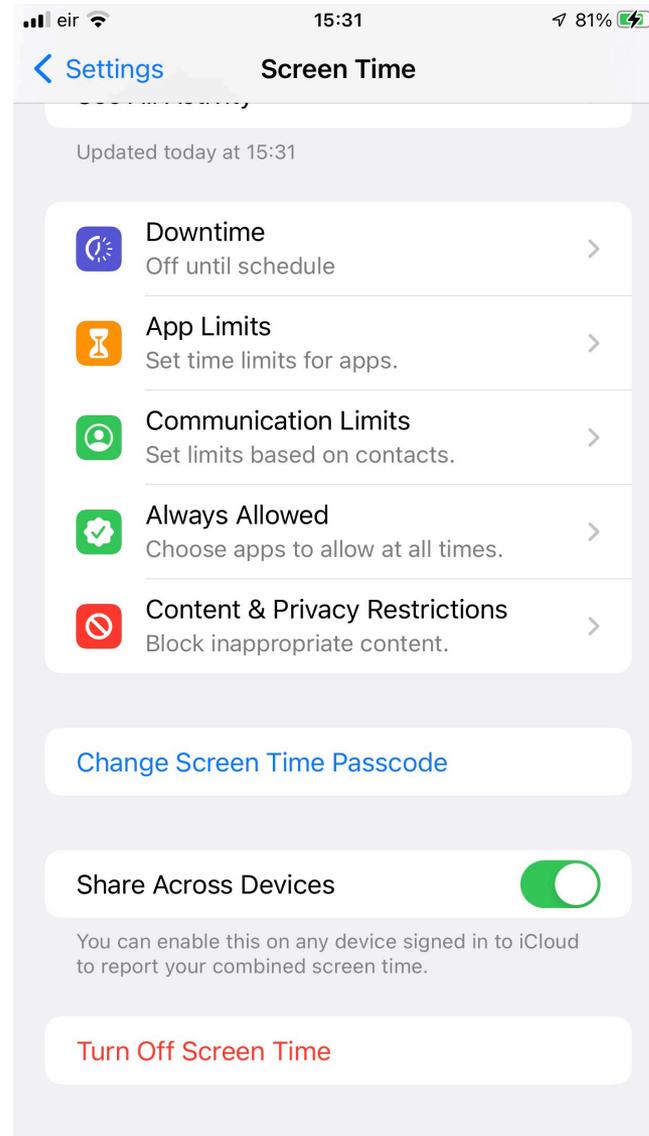


Using the iPhone as the example of a hand-held smart device, the parental controls can be found in the 'Screen Time' section of the 'Settings' app.

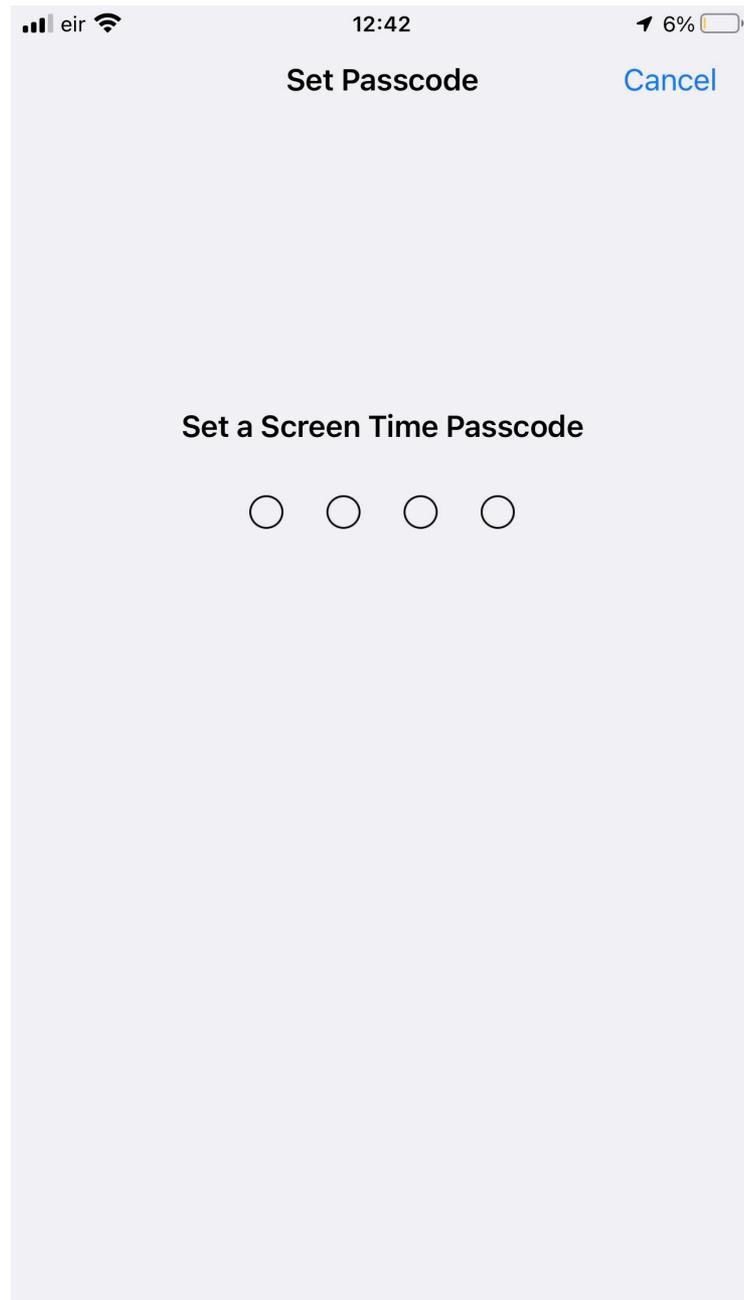
Users though have the option of ignoring or postponing the time restrictions when they commence. But by their very nature, they still act as a reality check on users' time.



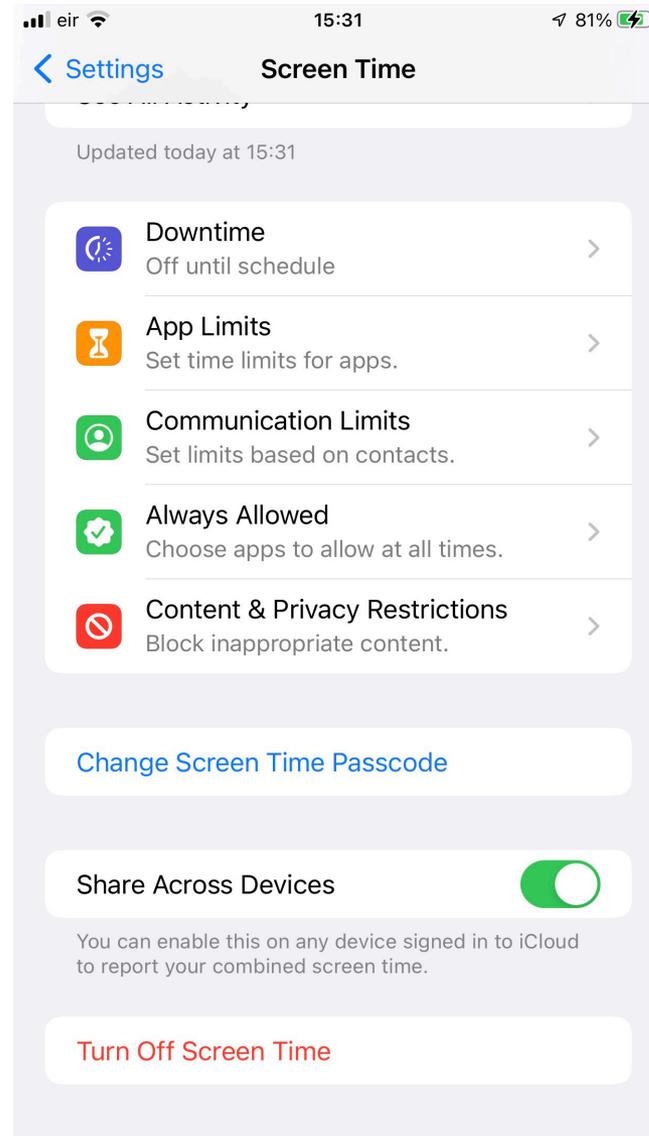
On the Screen Time Menu
select
'Screen Time Passcode'



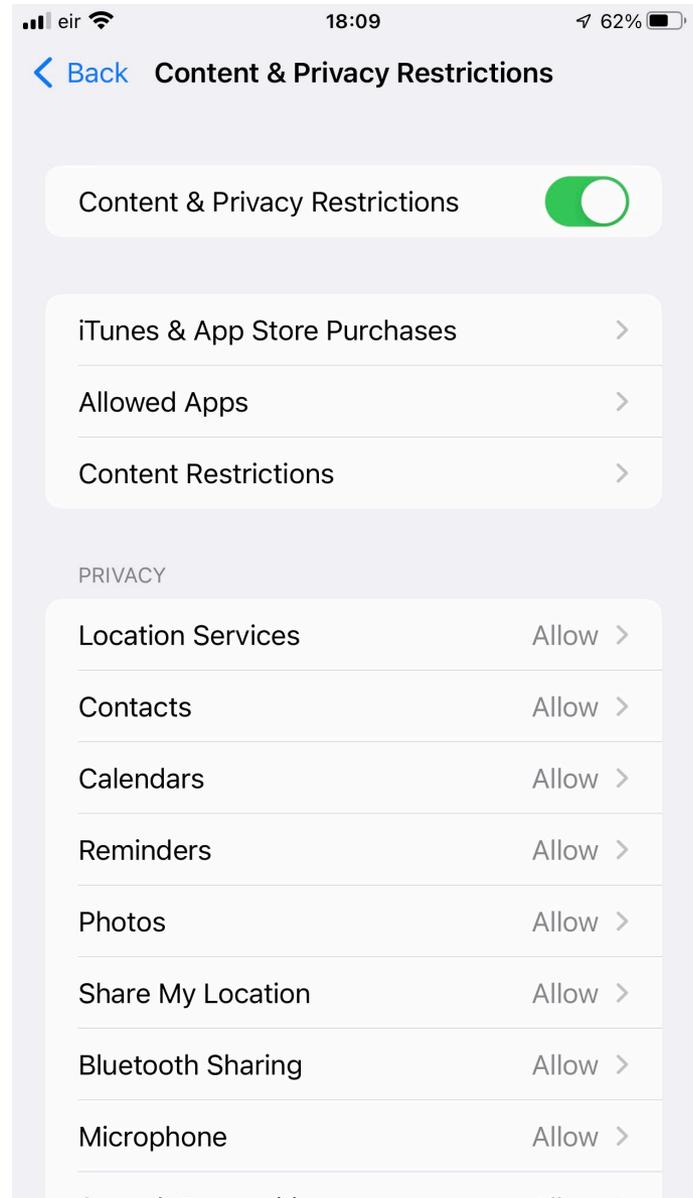
As the administrator you can set up a password that allows you to have sole control access to different types of websites, limitations of time spent on apps etc.



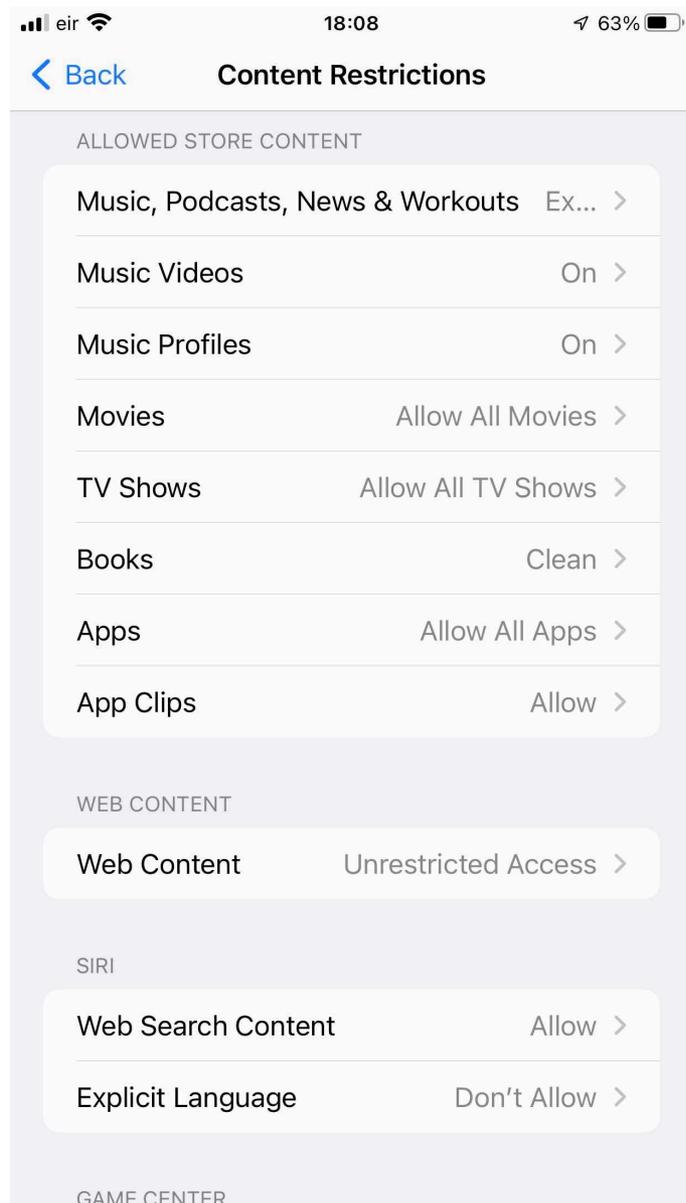
One option shown under the main Screen Time menu is 'Content & Privacy Restrictions' where controls can be put in place to limit access.



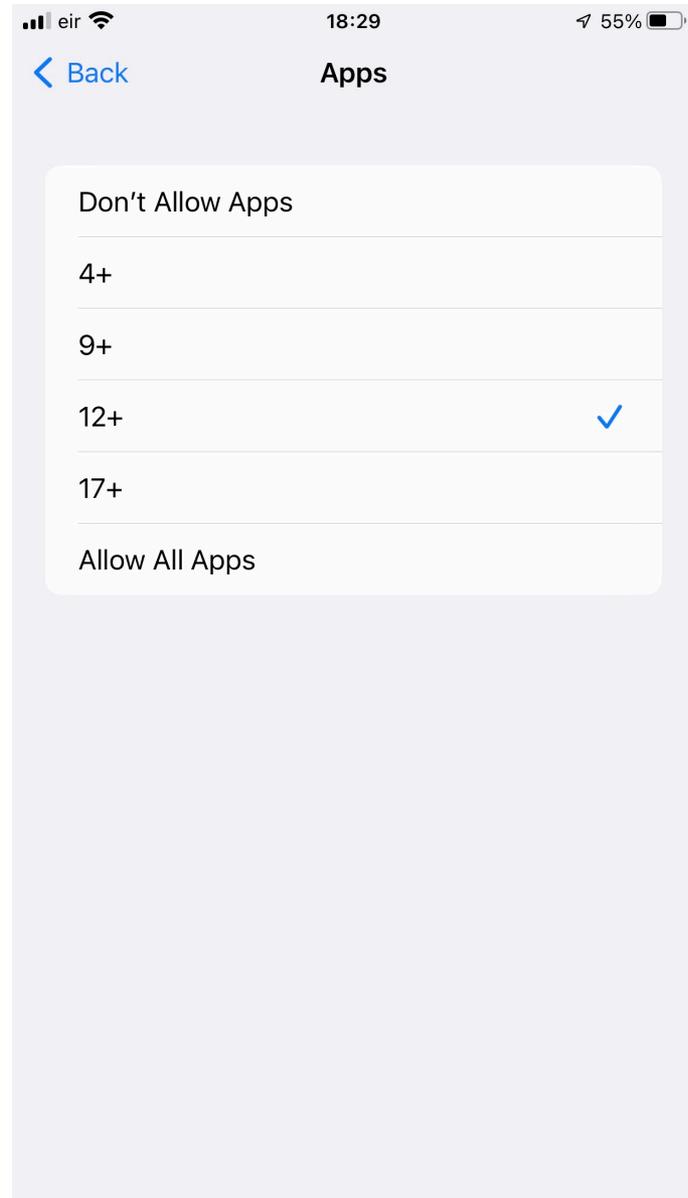
Select
'Content & Privacy Restrictions'
followed by
'Content Restrictions'



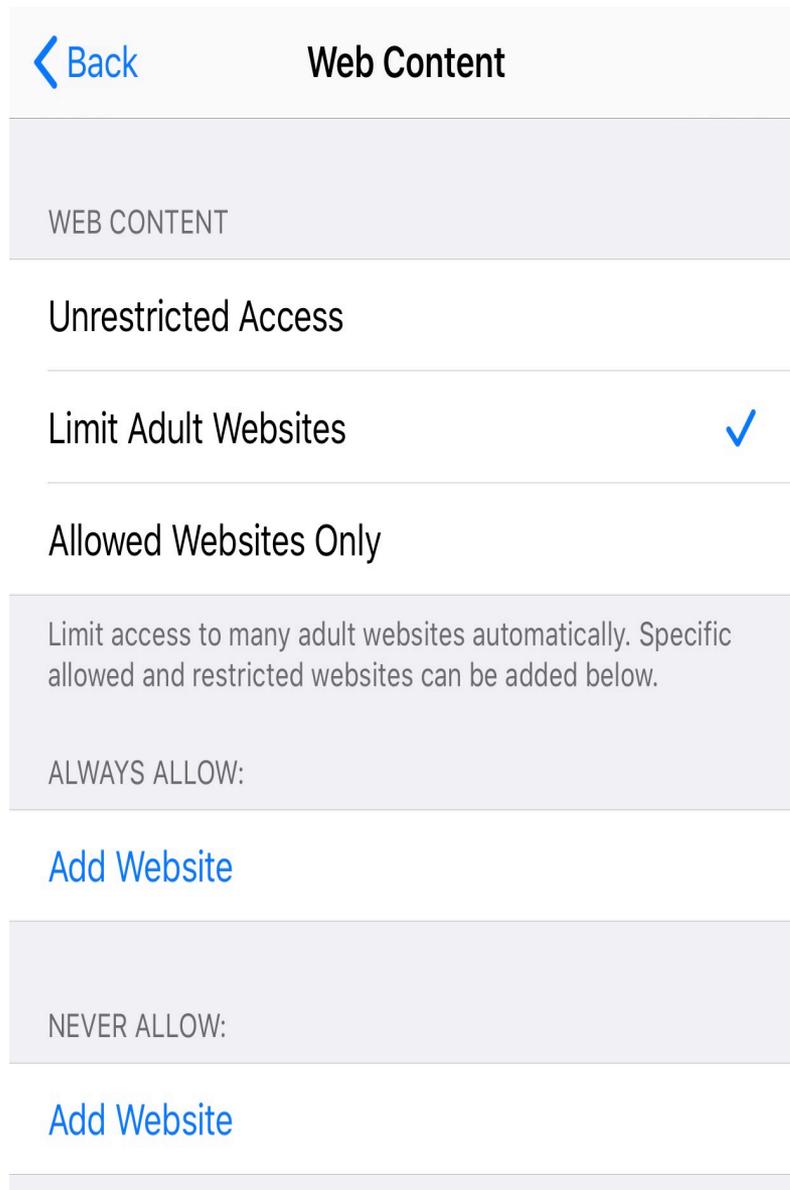
Select the option
'Allow All Apps'



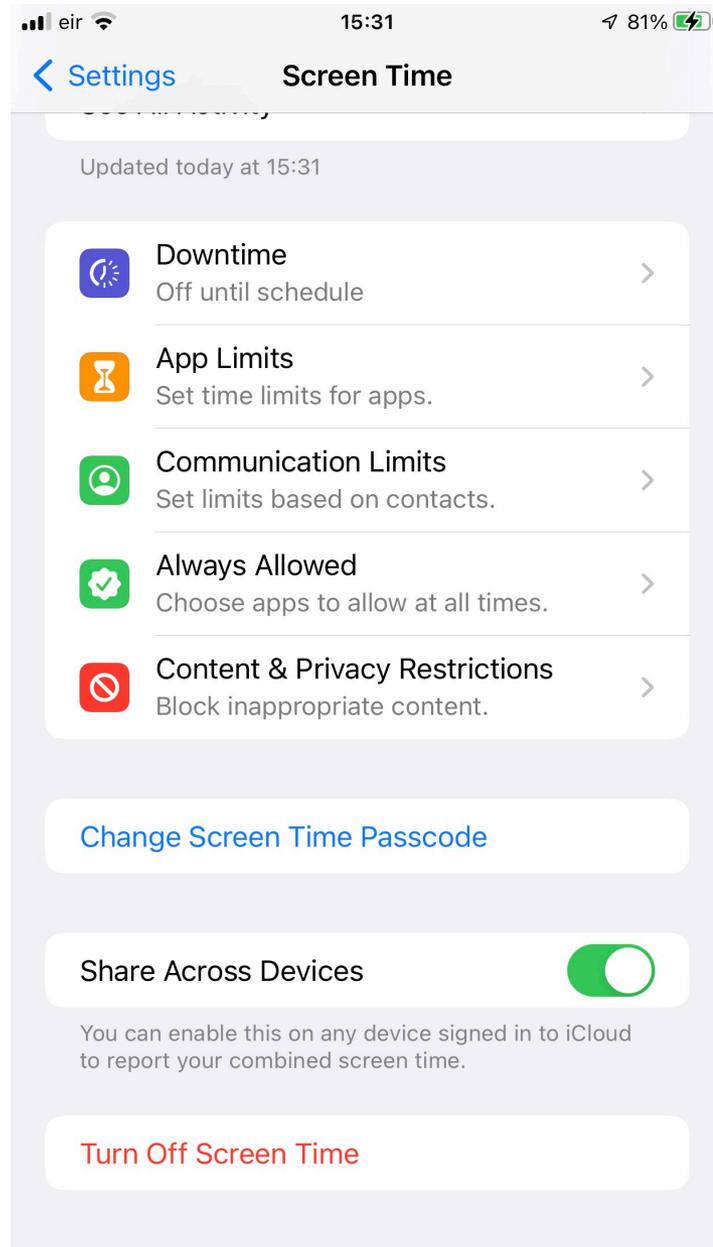
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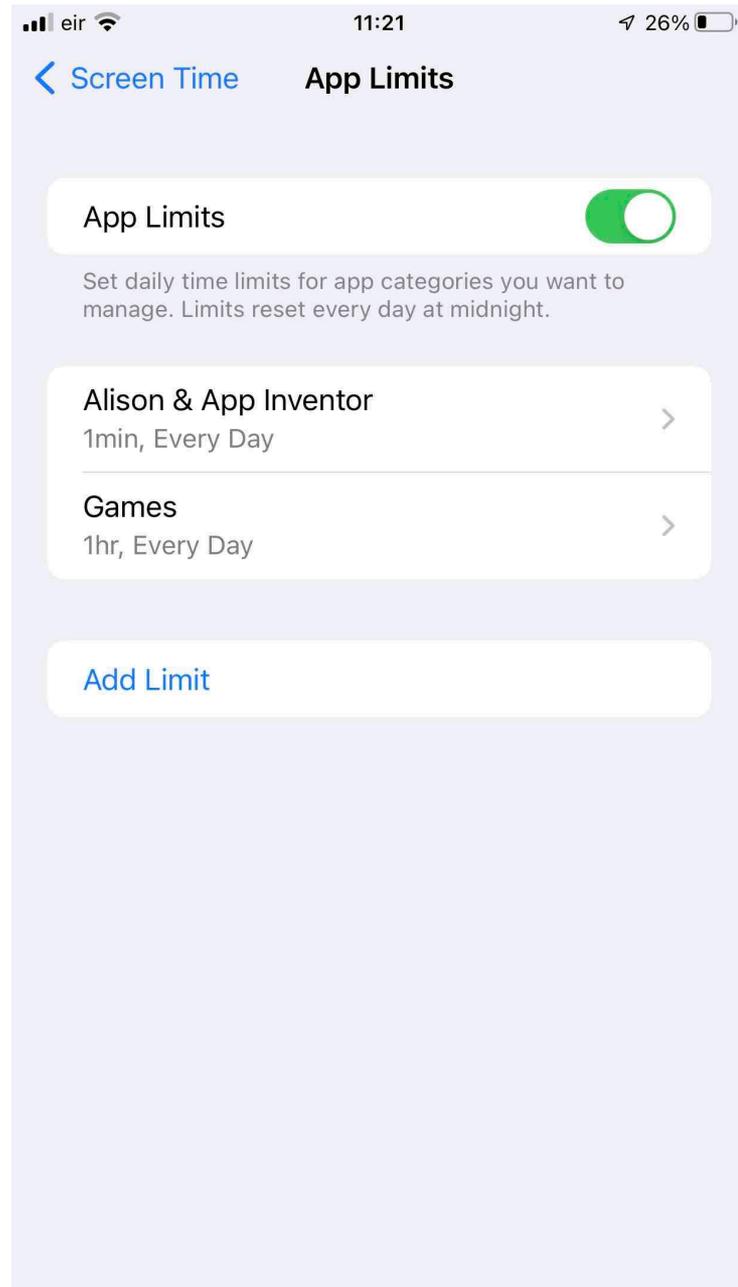
**Selecting the
'Web Content' option in
'Content Restrictions'
provides a range of access
controls.**



Returning to the main
Screen Time menu, select
'App Limits'



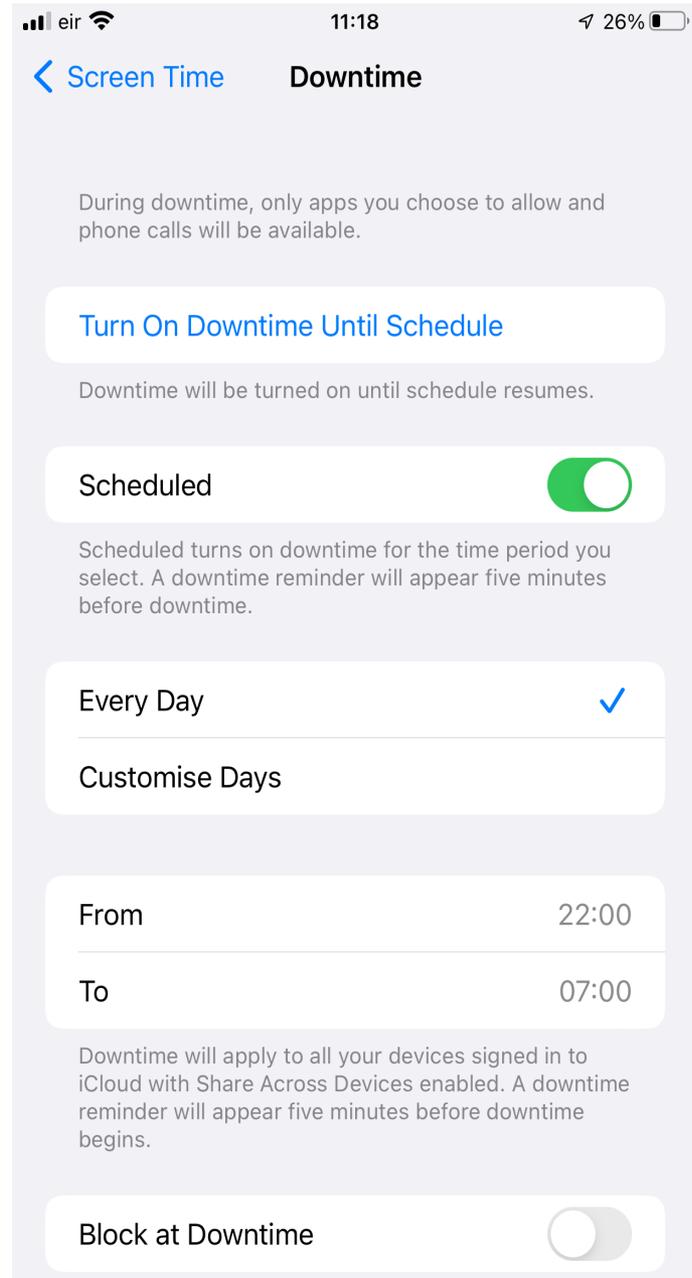
This allows you as the administrator to set the amount of time allowed for each individual app.



Selecting the 'Downtime' option in the Screen Time main menu allows the administrator after inputting the passcode to set up the times of the day when apps are available.

During Downtime, access to individual apps can be allowed.

Please note that telephones calls are available 24/7 if the phone is not turned off.



3. A popular Social Media App – e.g. TikTok



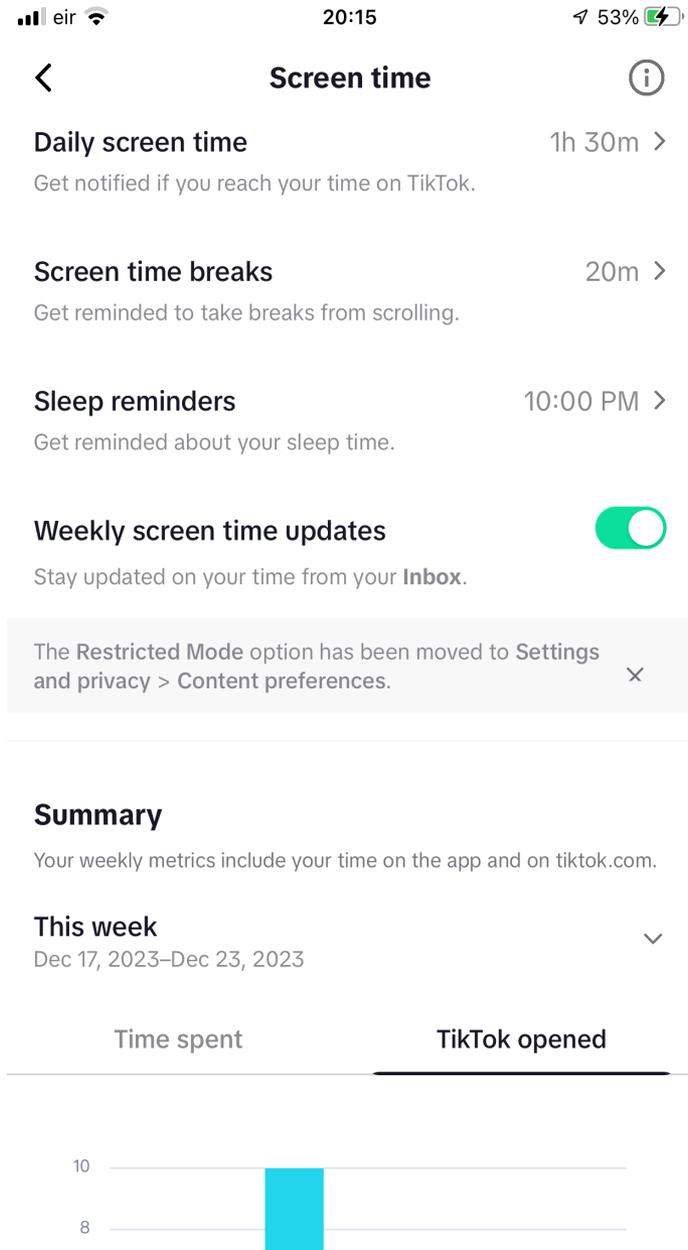
TikTok is one of the most popular social media platforms for young people, used for creating, sharing and discovering short videos.

As with most social media platforms, there is a minimum age of 13 years which many pre-teens overcome by giving a false date of birth.



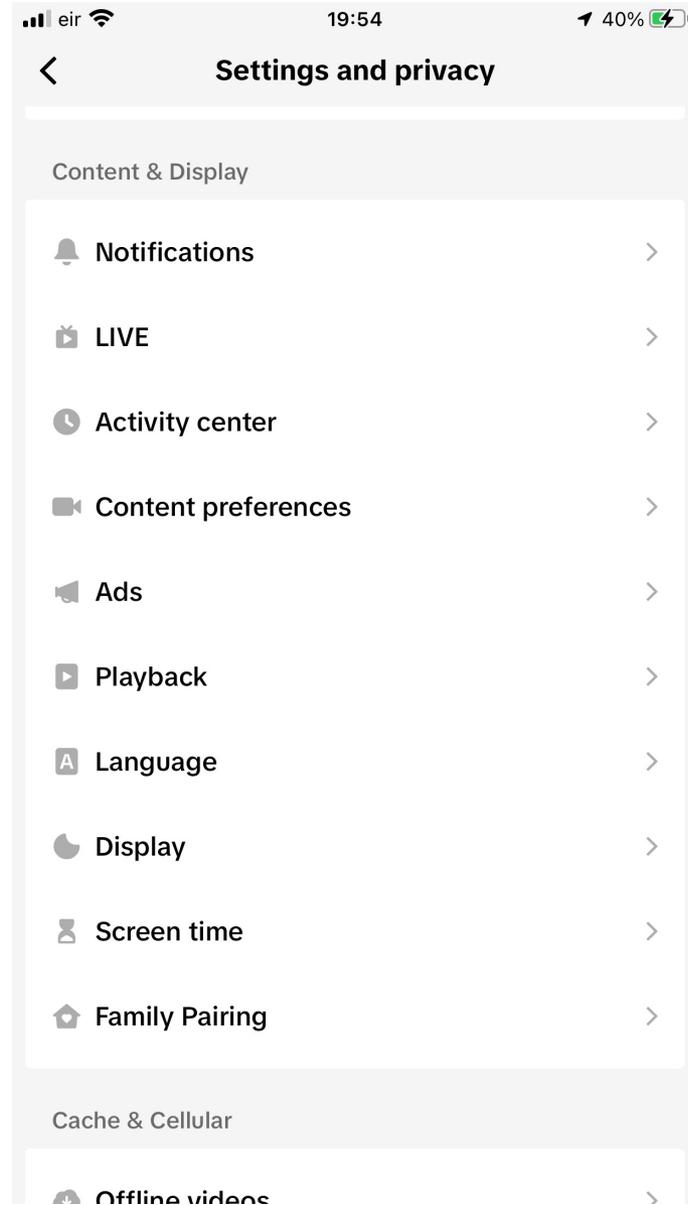
TikTok

As too much time spent on social media and gaming platforms/apps can have serious negative impacts on users' wellbeing and lead to addiction, it is best to use the 'Screen Time' option in 'Settings and Privacy' menu to impose time limits on the app.



TikTok

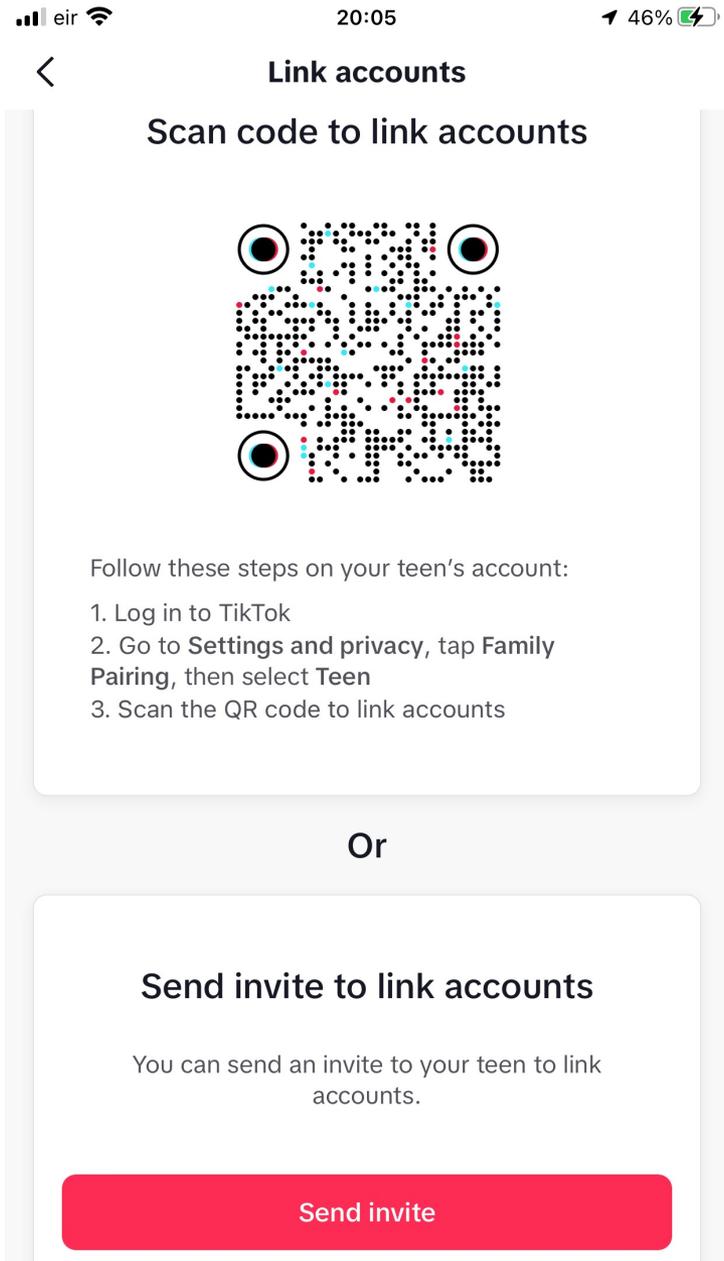
In 'Settings and Privacy' there is the option under 'Family Pairing' to get notifications of your son or daughter's activity on TikTok by linking their account to your own account.



TikTok

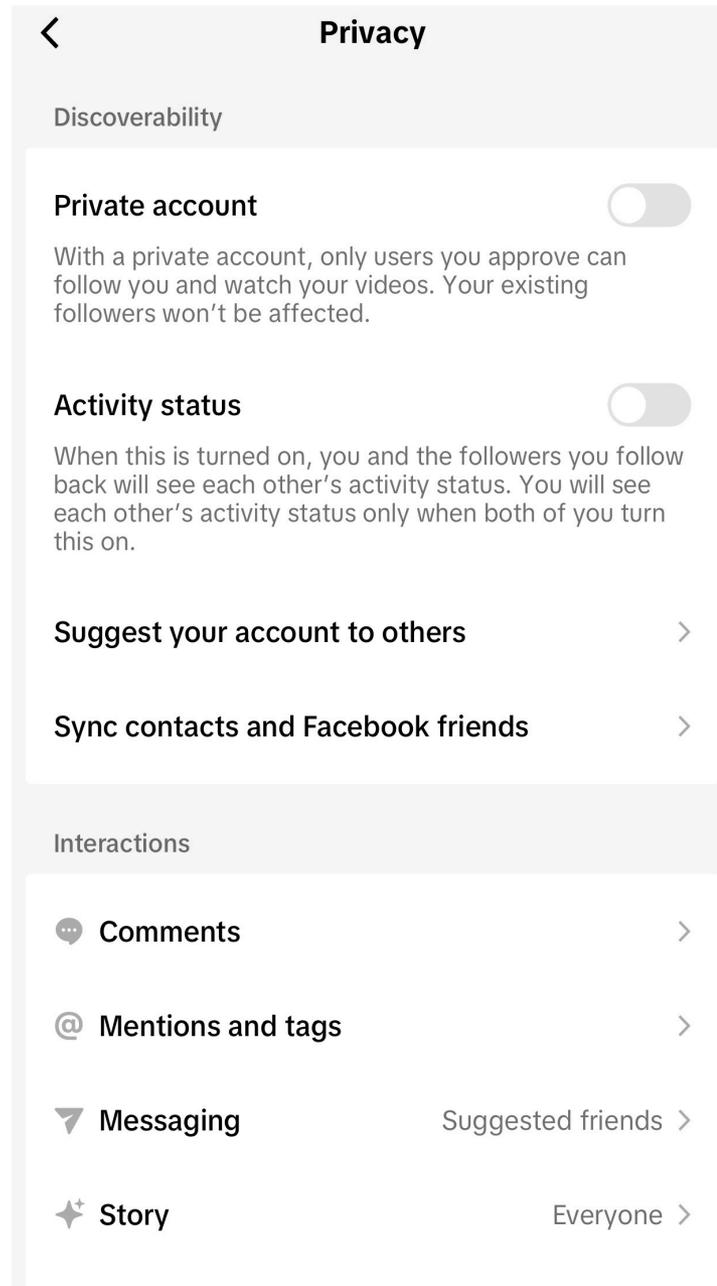
This can be done by scanning the QR code over your son or daughter's TikTok on their device as per the instructions on the image on the right.

However this action is not always advisable or fruitful as teenagers understandably wish to have their own privacy on social media.



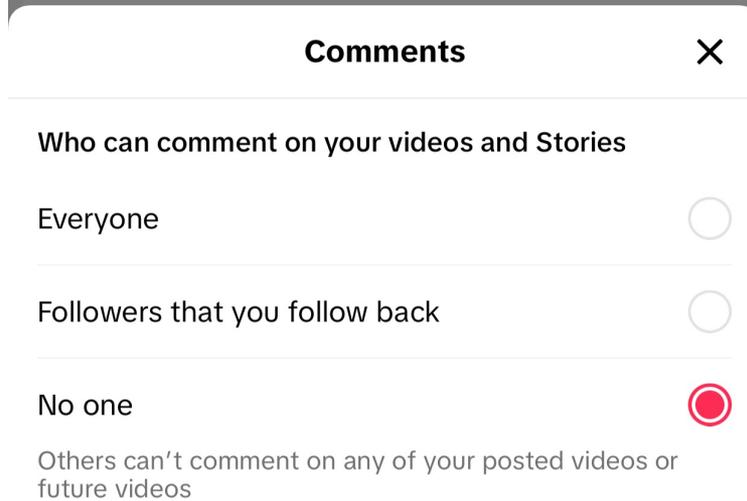
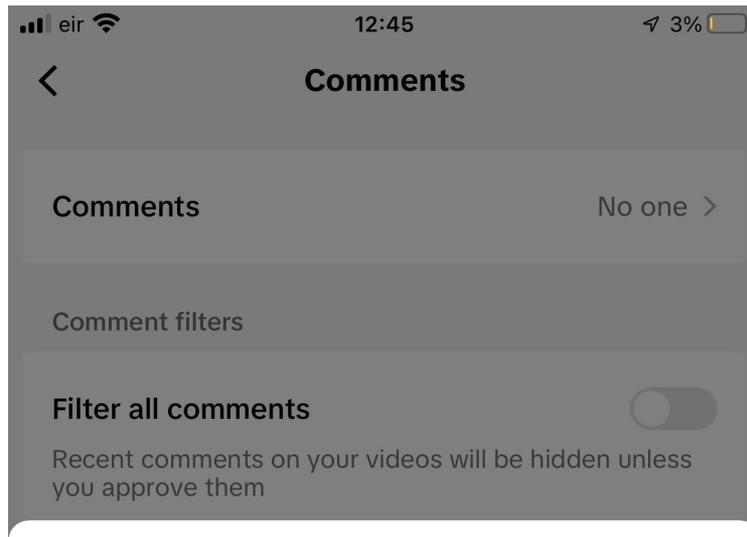
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The 'Privacy' option in Settings and Privacy allows the user to control Comments, Mentions and Tags.



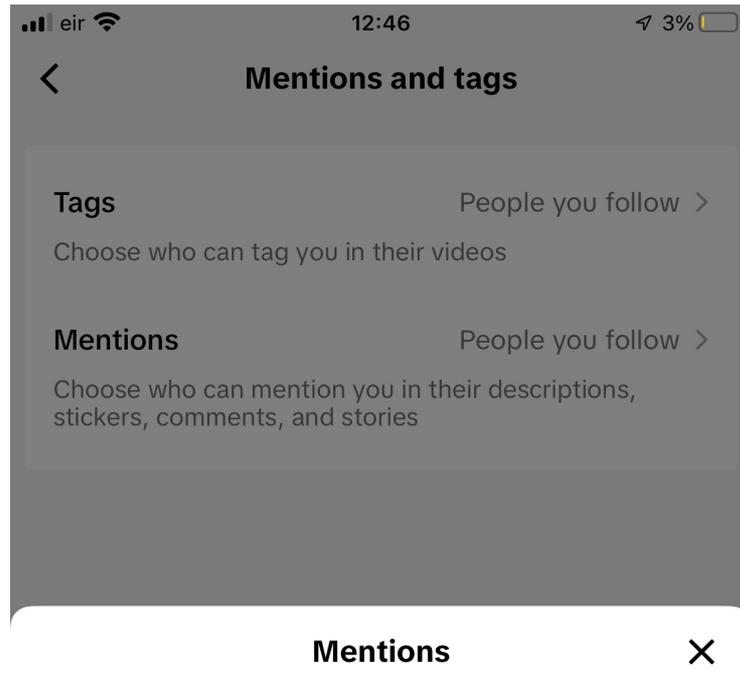
TikTok

Comments



TikTok

Mentions



Who can mention you in their descriptions, stickers, comments, and stories?

Everyone

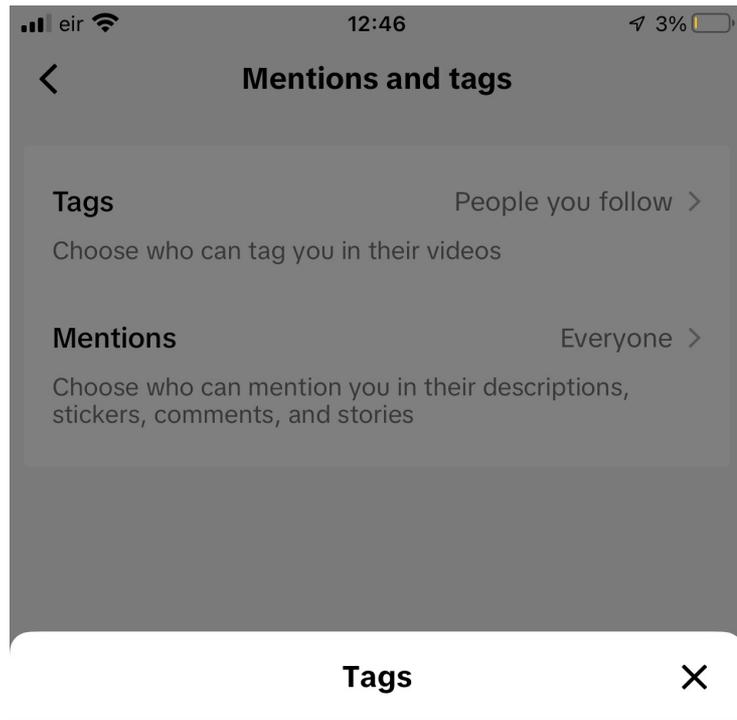
People you follow

Followers that you follow back

No one

TikTok

Tags



Who can tag you in their videos?

Everyone

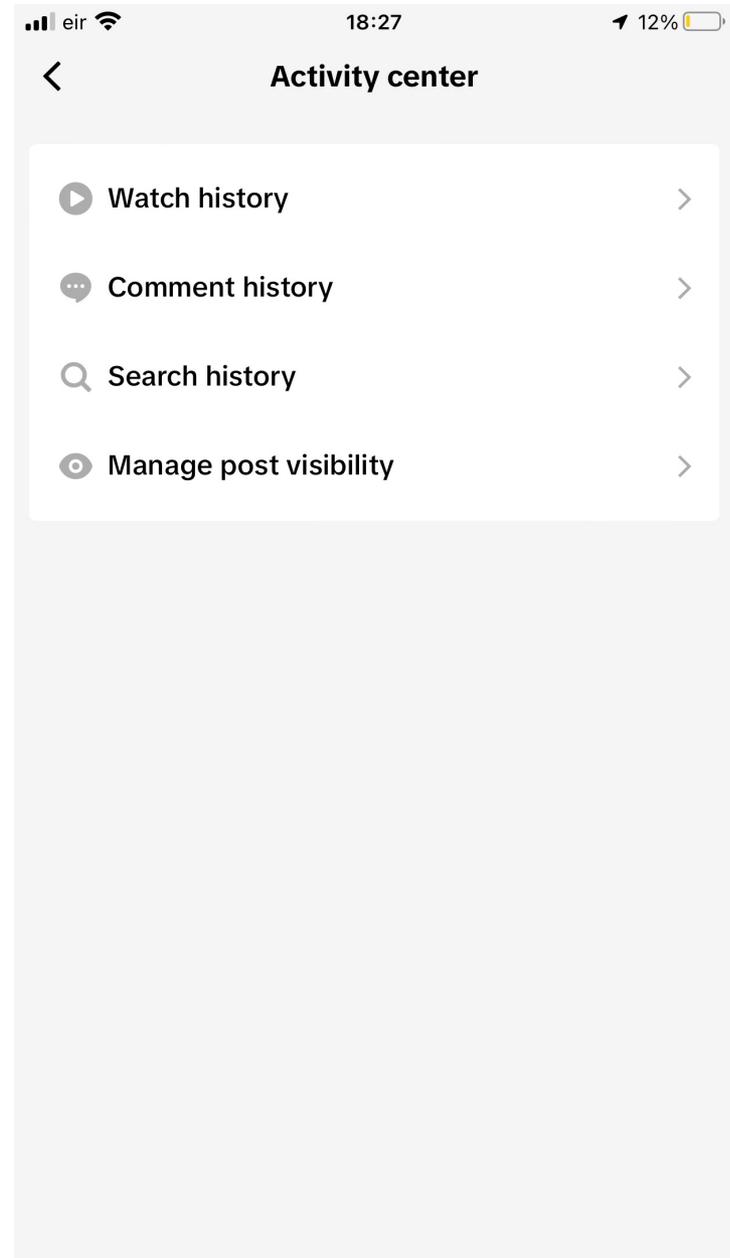
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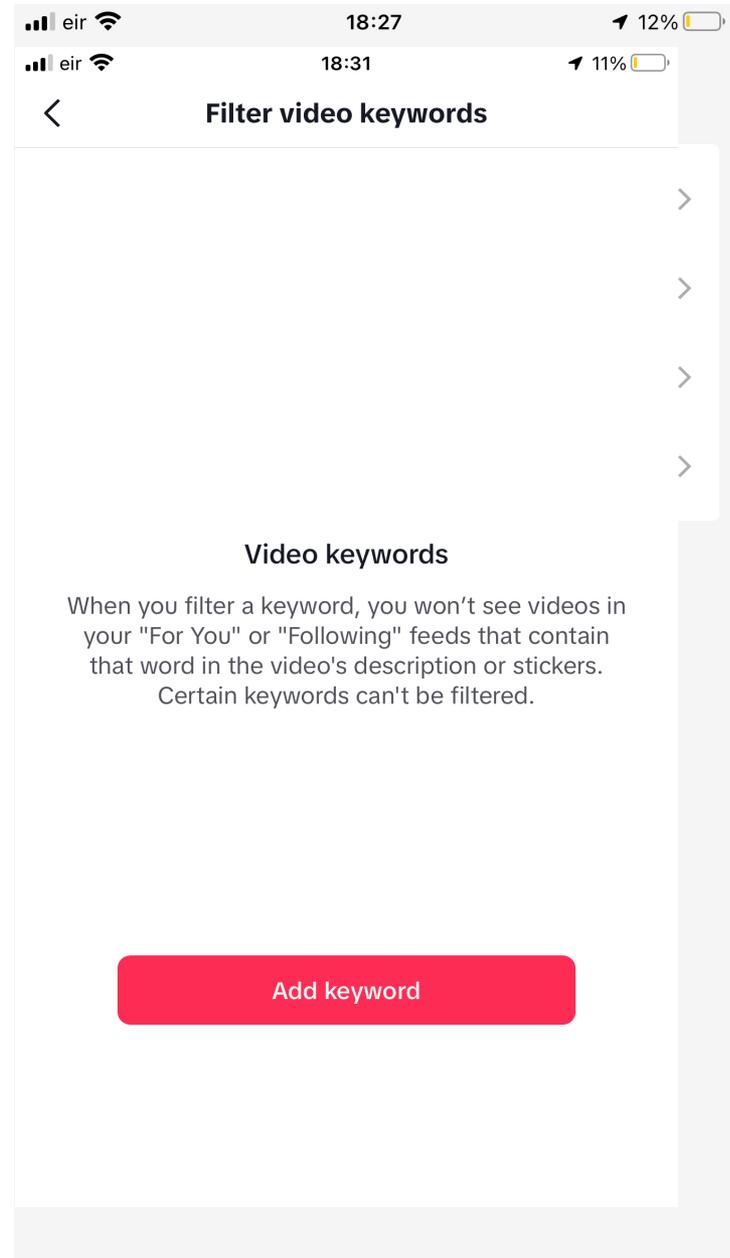
TikTok

The 'Activity Center' option in Settings and Privacy allows the user to view the history of what was watched, what was searched for and what was commented on.

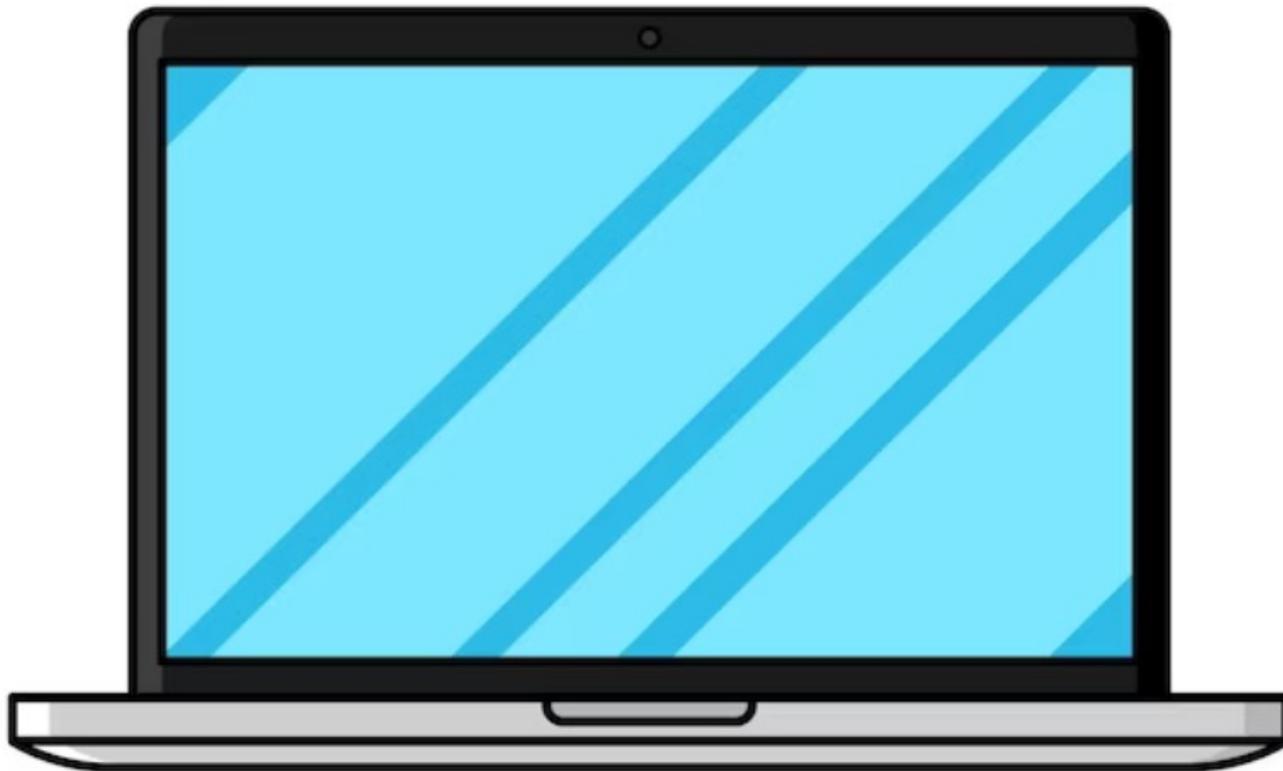


TikTok

The 'Content Preferences' option in Settings and Privacy allows the user to filter out videos that use keywords in their video descriptions and/or stickers.



4. The Laptop & Desktop Computer (e.g. Apple)



Laptop

Go to 'Parental Controls' in 'System Preferences'.

In Parental Controls, the administrator can set up accounts for the different users of the laptop, what each user can access on the web, what apps they can use and what times they are allocated to use it.



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Parental controls let you manage your children's use of this computer, the applications on it and the Internet.

To change parental control settings, click the lock icon to enter the name and password of an administrator.

Manage parental controls from another computer

To access this computer to change parental control settings, you need the name and password of an administrator of this computer.



Click the lock to make changes.





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Apps

Web

Stores

Time

Privacy

Other



Weekday time limits

Allows access to this computer Monday to Friday for the specified number of hours only.

Limit weekday use to:



Weekend time limits

Allows access to this computer Saturday and Sunday for the specified number of hours only.

Limit weekend use to:



Bedtime

Prevents access to this computer during the specified hours.

School nights:

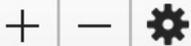
20:00 to 06:00

Sunday - Thursday

Weekend:

20:00 to 06:00

Friday and Saturday



Click the lock to prevent further changes.

Logs...



- Apps
- Web
- Stores
- Time
- Privacy
- Other

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Allow use of camera

Applies to built-in cameras in devices and connected displays.



Allow joining Game Center multiplayer games



Limit Mail to allowed contacts

Manage...



Limit Applications on this Mac

Allow the user to open only the specified applications on this Mac. An administrator password is required to open other applications.

Allowed Apps:

Search

- ▶ Other Apps
- ▶ Utilities

Apps

Web

Stores

Time

Privacy

Other

Browser Restrictions:

Allows access only to websites with appropriate content or websites you specify.

- Allow unrestricted access to websites
- Try to limit access to adult websites
- Allow access to only these websites

[Customise...](#)

-  EducationCity
-  Scholastic
-  National Geographic Kids
-  Disney
-  Shaun the Sheep's Game Academy
-  Beano
-  First News
-  Natural History Museum
-  NASA Kids' Club
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5. YouTube - The veteran Online Popular Video Sharing Platform



YouTube

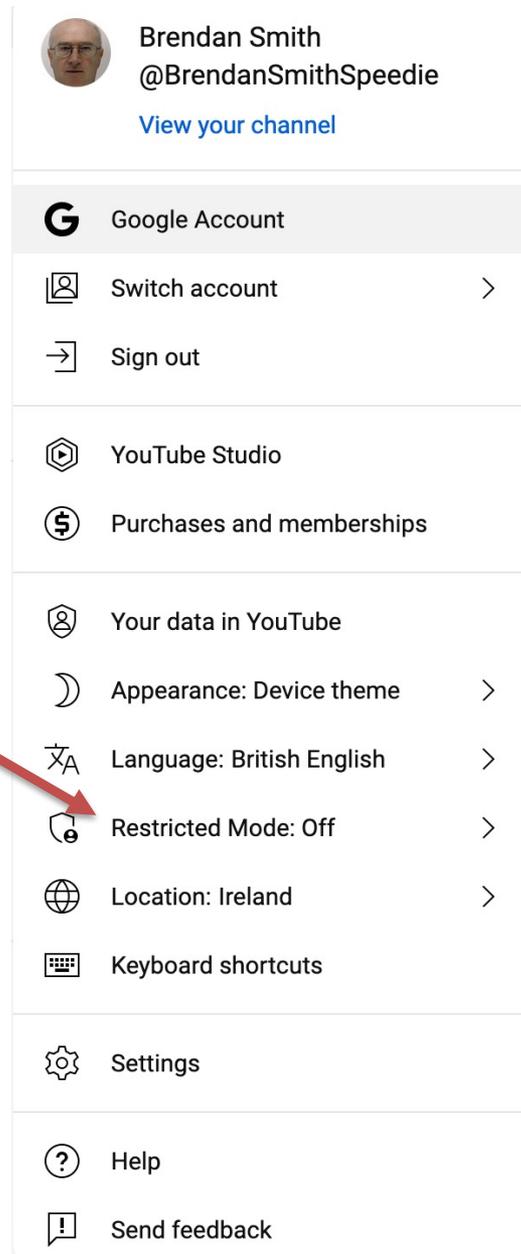
There is an option that allows one to restrict access to adult content on YouTube, the very popular video sharing application, that is available on both mobile smart devices and tabletop computers/laptops.

YouTube

Go to YouTube and use the Log in option to set up a YouTube account.

On a tabletop device (e.g. laptop) go then to the top right hand corner and click on your profile icon.

Click on the 'Restricted Mode' option on the dropdown menu and select 'Restricted Mode'.



The image shows a screenshot of the YouTube user profile dropdown menu for a user named Brendan Smith (@BrendanSmithSpeedie). The menu is open, showing various options. A red arrow points to the 'Restricted Mode: Off' option, which is currently selected. The options listed are:

- Google Account
- Switch account
- Sign out
- YouTube Studio
- Purchases and memberships
- Your data in YouTube
- Appearance: Device theme
- Language: British English
- Restricted Mode: Off**
- Location: Ireland
- Keyboard shortcuts
- Settings
- Help
- Send feedback

YouTube

'Restricted Mode' only works for the browser that you are currently using. It would have to be set up for any other browser available on the device.

← Restricted Mode

This helps hide potentially mature videos. No filter is 100% accurate.

This setting only applies to this browser.

ACTIVATE RESTRICTED MODE



Restricted Mode lock prevents others from changing the Restricted Mode settings on this browser.

Lock Restricted Mode on this browser

YouTube

'Restricted Mode' also stops any 'comments' appearing underneath videos.

This is quite useful as it can be deeply upsetting for a child or indeed anyone to view horrible messages from nasty people. This is especially the case where such messages appear under videos made by the children themselves.



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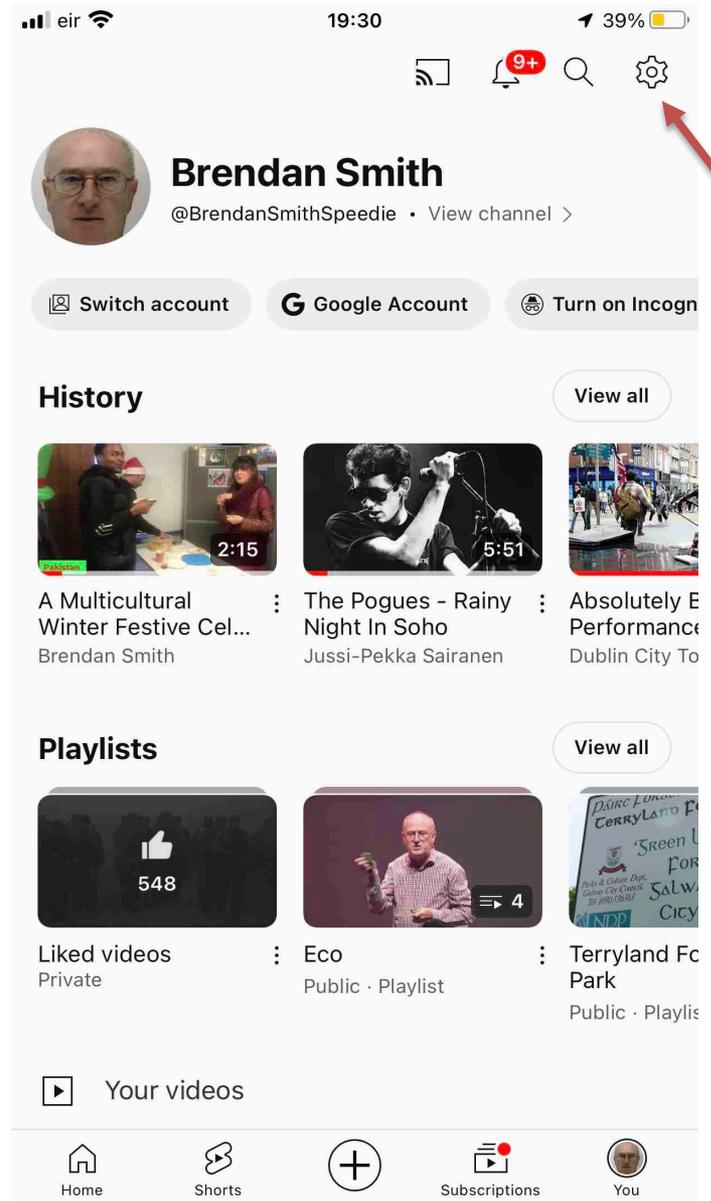
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Restricted Mode has hidden comments for this video.

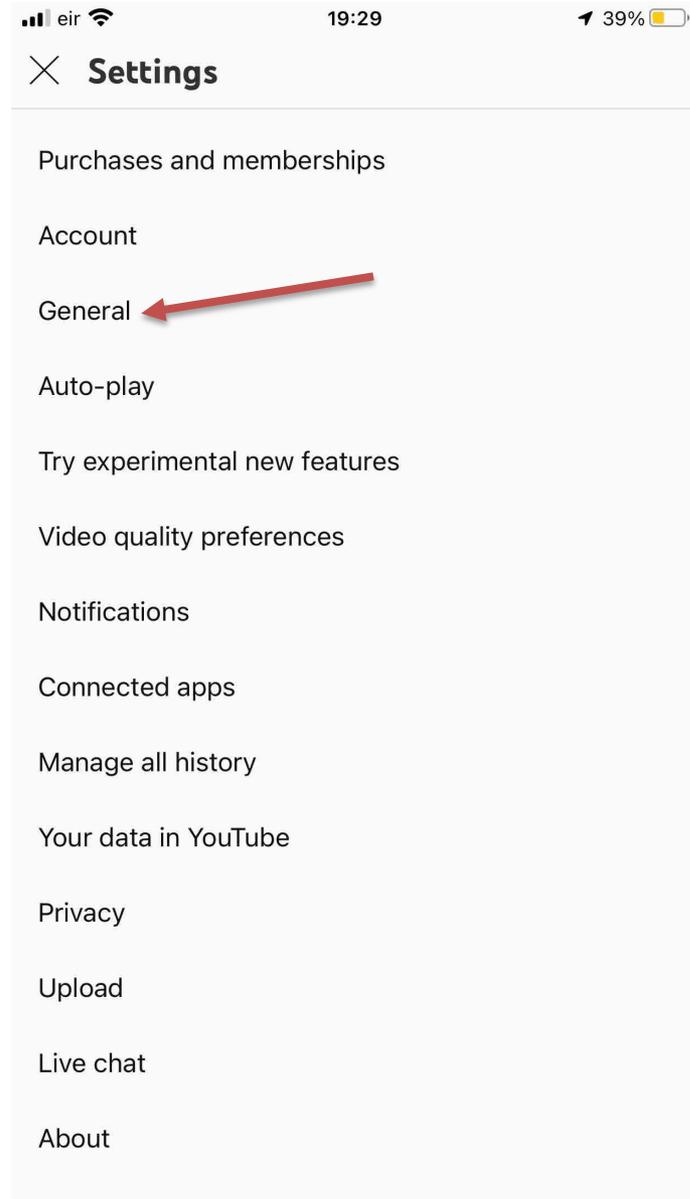
YouTube phone app

On a phone, go to the YouTube App and select the 'Settings' icon on the top right-hand corner of the screen



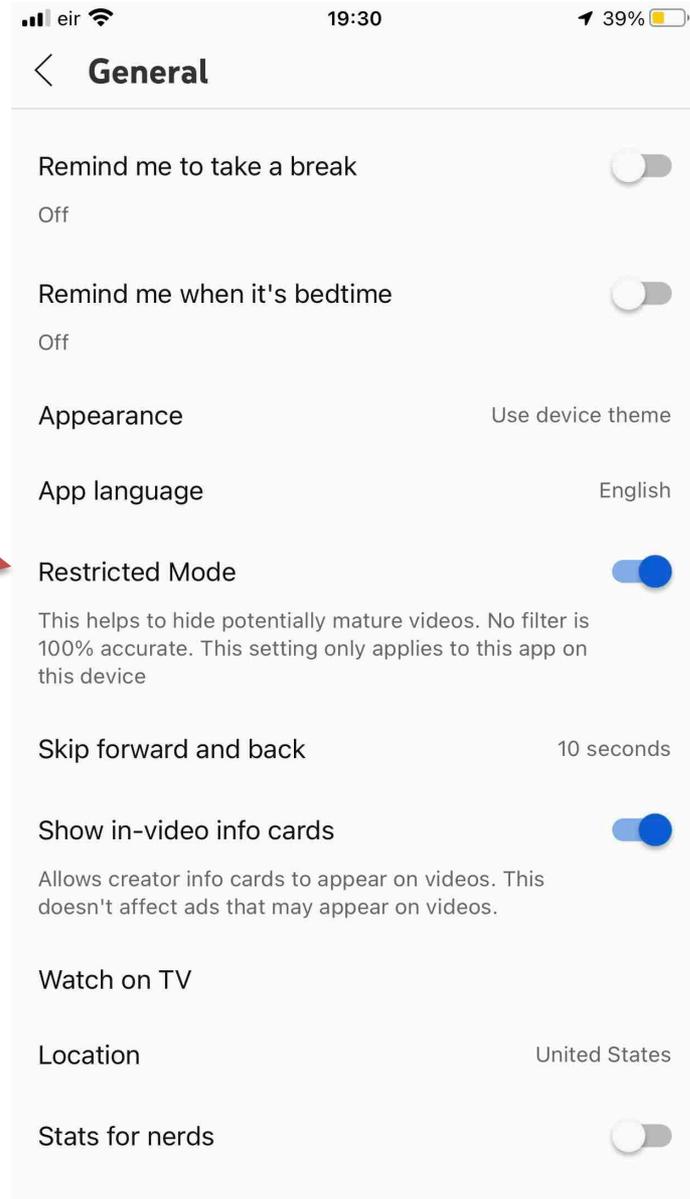
YouTube phone app

On the dropdown menu that
appears, select the 'General'
option



YouTube phone app

Turn 'Restricted Mode' on



Google Family Link

