

# SETTING UP PARENTAL CONTROL OF **GAMES CONSOLES**

All of today's consoles use online features to offer multiplayer features, application downloads and to update their firmware. With these features comes potential for children to compromise their cyber safety or run up expensive bills. Luckily all modern platforms offer inbuilt parental controls to help families keep track of the games they are playing, and how long they play them for. Setting these up not only offers parents a greater degree of management over online and gaming activity, but provides families with an opportunity to agree how and when they will enjoy games. These can be implemented on each system automatically.

For instance, you may wish to set a certain amount of time that can be played each day. Doing this will automatically stop a game once the time has elapsed. In a family setting this can be a good way to avoid arguments about when to stop playing.

Setting up parental controls differs a little for each system, and is often updated after a particular console has been released. It is therefore important that you update your hardware with the latest updates when they become available by connecting to the internet via your home wireless or wired connection, and turning the console or system on. Typically, the moment you do that – or try and play a game – a prompt to update will appear on-screen automatically.



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