

Apps and Websites to Aid Parents

Parenting has become more difficult in the digital age, and it is hard to stay current with all the new trends. Utah Netsmartz put together a resource of several monitoring apps for parents to consider. This document is meant to be used as a resource to assist parents in selecting a potential solution. It is no an endorsement for any of the products or services below. However, the information collected may be useful in comparing each product and/or service.

Apps



App Name: ParentBlocked Parent

Price:

Apple Store: \$1.99

Google Play Store: Free

Offers in app purchases from \$1.99-\$56.99

Features:

- Safe Driving Mode: Blocks a teen's cell phone usage while driving to stop teens from texting and using social media.
- Scheduler Sets: Sets phone usage time limits.
- Grounded Remotely: Blocks some or all features on the child's phone.



App Name: Social Sitter

Price:

Apple Store: Free

Google Play Store: Free

Features:

- Filters social media messages before they post publically, looking for cyberbullying or inappropriate messages.
- Does not allow inappropriate posts to go online.
- Sets time limits on device usage.
- Blocks unwanted calls.
- Alerts parents if keywords chosen by parents show up in messages.



App Name: Mobile Fence

Price:

Apple Store: Not Available

Google Play Store: Free

Features:

- Keeps track of what children are doing on their phone.
- GPS tracking.
- Blocks apps depending on parental control settings.
- Blocks websites depending on parental control settings.



App Name: DinnerTime Plus

Price:

Apple Store: Free

Google Play Store: Free

Offers in app purchases from \$0.99-\$4.99

Features:

- Sets device time limits.
- Shows what your child is doing on the device in real-time.
- Schedules usage breaks.
- Sets permitted apps.
- Notifies of unusual activity on the device.



App Name: ScreenTime-Media Time Manager

Price:

Apple Store: \$2.99

Google Play Store: Not Available

Features:

- Sets time limits for device usage.
- Rewards kids for completing chores with more screen time.



App Name: Screen Time Parental Control

Price:

Apple Store: Not Available

Google Play Store: Free

Features:

- Sets time limits for device usage.
- Remotely changes daily time limit.
- App usage timer.
- Blocks all apps at bedtime.
- Rewards kids for completing chores with more screen time.
- Keeps track of what children are doing on the device.
- Blocks specific apps.
- Password protected to prevent Screen Time from being uninstalled.

Websites



Website Name: Pocket Guardian

Price: \$3.99 per month
www.gopocketguardian.com

Features:

- Sends parents notifications of Sexting, Cyberbullying, and explicit message use on their child's phone.



Website Name: Saferkid

Price: \$59.99 per year

www.saferkid.com

Features:

- For use with Apple products only.
- Scans a child's iPhone, iPod, or iPad for new apps.
- Informs parents if their child has downloaded a new app and if it is age appropriate.
- Website has a free app directory parents can use to look up information about over one million available apps in the Apple store.



Website Name: NetSanity

Price: \$59.95 annually per device or \$5.95 monthly per device
<https://.netsanity.net>

Features:

- NetBlocker: Disables internet access from any location for that device.
- TimeBlocker: Sets time limits for internet and app use.
- AppBlocker: Blocks or specific apps on the device.
- CatBlocker: Content filtering on a browser or app.
- GameBlocker: Limits gaming time on the device.



Website Name: Net Nanny

Price: The price varies depending on how many devices are being monitored, and whether you have a PC or Mac. They charge an annual fee, that goes up as you add devices to the plan.

Features:

- Blocks pornography.
- Masks profanity online.
- Filters website content.
- Blocks/allows apps.
- Sets time limits on usage.



Website Name: TeenShield

Price: \$13.95 monthly per device, additional devices may be added at a discount.
www.teenshield.com

Features:

- Online parent control panel.
- View child's text messages.
- Monitor child's call log.
- GPS tracking.
- View all photos taken on the device.
- Web filtering—only for android.
- App filtering—only for android.
- View apps installed.



Website Name: Open DNS Family Shield

Price: Free for Open DNS Family Shield or Open DNS Home

\$19.95 per month for Open DNS VIP Home

<https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/>

Features:

- Speeds up Internet usage.
- Protects against fraud and phishing.

- Parental controls to monitor each device in your home.
- Customizable controls on filtering and security.
- Collects Internet stats on home Internet use.
- Restricts access to certain domains online.

<https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/>

Some features are only available on Open DNS VIP Home.

The logo for Circle with Disney, featuring the word "circle" in a lowercase, blue, sans-serif font.

Website Name: Circle with Disney

Price: \$99.00 for the device

<https://meetcircle.com/>

Features:

- Parents can manage all devices connected to the home router.
- Filters content for devices connected at home.
- Sets time limits on usage.
- Sets a bedtime for every device connected at home.

<https://meetcircle.com/>

Texting and Driving Apps

DriveAlertNow

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Website Name: Drive Alert Now

Price: \$149 one time charge and \$13.99 per

Features:

- Automatically sends incoming calls to voice mail.
- Sends custom auto-reply to all incoming texts.
- Holds all texts until vehicle stops.
- Sends real time alerts to parents when the device is overridden.
- Web-based dashboard with full reporting available.
- Allows 911 and other designated emergency calls.
- Allows driver to be located at the push of a button.
- Parents can set speed limit alerts.
- Picks up keywords for bullying/drugs/alcohol.

www.drivealtrnow.com



App Name: AT&T DriveMode

Price:

Apple Store: Free

Google Play Store: Free

Standard messaging rates apply

Features:

- Silences alerts for incoming text messages.



App Name: TextNoMore

Price:

Apple Store: Not Available

Google Play Store: Free

Features:

- Blocks incoming texts and outgoing texts.
- Sends a message to incoming texters that the recipient is driving.
- Earn rewards for turning on the app while driving.



App Name: Live2Txt

Price:

Apple Store: Not Available

Google Play Store: \$1.99

Features:

- Blocks incoming texts and outgoing texts.
- Sends a message to incoming texters that the recipient is driving.



App Name: Canary-Teen Safety

Price:

Apple Store: Free

Google Play Store: Free

Features:

Notifies parents of the following risky driving behaviors:

- Using the phone while driving.
- Exceeding a set speed limit.
- Traveling in off-limit areas.
- Staying out past curfew.
- Near a weather alert.



App Name: LifeSaver-Distracted Driving

Price:

Apple Store: Free

Google Play Store: Free

Offers in app purchases \$4.98 per item

Features:

- Drivers earn rewards for using the app.
- Passengers can unlock the device.
- Emergency access to phone.
- Notifications to parents of arrival at destination.

<https://play.google.com/store/apps/details?id=com.lifesaverapp>



Device Name: Cellcontrol

Price: \$129 for the device, comes with a free cell phone app.

Features:

- Device and app that block all cell phone use while the car is in motion.
- Parents can manage all drivers from one online account.
- Customize which apps to block while driving.
- Detailed reports on driving behavior.