



Fact sheet

# YouTube (For parents)

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## What are the recommended settings on YouTube? (continued)

- **Public** - anyone is able to search and view your videos
- **Private** - only people you allow can search for and watch your videos
- **Unlisted** - only people that you send the link to can view your videos.

Commenting on videos is set as a default option, however this can be disabled.

## How do I turn on restricted mode?

You can enable restricted mode to filter inappropriate content on the browser on your computer/device. YouTube uses age-restrictions, community flagging, and other indicators to recognise and filter inappropriate content. While it is not 100 per cent accurate, it can be useful as a parental control. We recommend that this is used in conjunction with conversations with your child about what is and isn't appropriate viewing.

To turn on restricted mode you must be logged into a YouTube account. Restricted mode can be locked and removed with a YouTube account username and password. Once enabled, restricted mode will remain on regardless of whether you are logged in or not, or if another person is logged into a different YouTube account.



## How do I delete my child's YouTube channel?

After talking with your child about the responsible use of YouTube and your family's rules around technology, you may think it's appropriate to delete a YouTube channel. If an account is deleted, any content on that account will be deleted and unable to be recovered. Be aware that you cannot delete a channel on a mobile device.

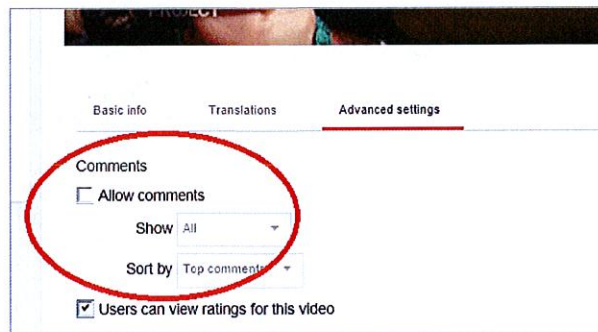
You can delete a channel by:

- Signing into the account you want to delete
- In the top right, click your account > YouTube settings
- Under 'Account settings', select 'Overview'
- Under the channel's name, select 'Advanced'
- At the bottom, select 'Delete channel'.

## How do I deal with and report abuse or inappropriate content on YouTube?

Abusive or inappropriate content can be reported via the flagging or reporting tool on YouTube. If your child has received a serious violent threat, contact your local police.

It is recommended that comments are disabled on videos to avoid abuse and being exposed to inappropriate language or offensive content. Comments can be disabled by connecting to your YouTube account, selecting a video in 'Video Manager' and unchecking 'Allow comments' in the settings options.



Users can also be blocked, so they cannot see or leave comments on uploaded content.

For more information, visit [www.support.google.com/youtube](http://www.support.google.com/youtube)

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