

YouTube is free video sharing website and application that is owned by Google. The platform allows its users to upload, create and watch other users videos. With over 1 billion users it is one of the most popular platforms on the internet.

Anybody can access videos on YouTube, but in order to upload a video the user must create their own YouTube account. If a user sees inappropriate content they can 'flag' or report it if it violates YouTube's community guidelines. Many popular types of videos on YouTube are music videos, 'how to videos' and gaming videos.

YouTube Kids

With over 400 hours of content uploaded to YouTube every minute it is extremely difficult for Google to keep up with the monitoring of inappropriate content.

For users under the age of 13 we recommended using 'YouTube Kids'. YouTube kids is free to download and use. Users can have up to 8 profiles attached to the one account. Each profile can have its own viewing preferences.

The platform has features like 'watch history', 'block channels' and filters to keep videos more 'child friendly'. Parents can also create timers for video use which can enable time restrictions on their children's screen time.

YouTube Red

YouTube Red is a monthly subscription service that removes advertisements from all videos on the platform. Users can also restrict the videos so that they're more limited with no 'suggested' videos that often occur after a video has been viewed.

More often than not the suggested videos are not suitable for younger people. This platform is especially ideal for teenagers. Videos can also be downloaded and watched at any time without an internet connection. This function is fantastic for family trips in cars and airplanes.

Privacy Settings on YouTube

Public Anyone is able to search and view the users videos.

Private Only people the user allows can search for and watch their videos.

Unlisted Only people that the user sends the link to can view their videos.

'Comments on users videos' is turned on as a default option, however this can be disabled. To do so, these are the steps to follow:

- Sign in to YouTube on a computer.
- Go to Creator Studio > Video Manager.
- Select the box next to any of the videos you want to manage.
- At the top of the screen, click the Actions menu.
- Select More actions > Comments.
- Select or unselect Do not allow comments.

How to make your account private

Click the 'Edit' button, and then choose 'Private' or 'Unlisted' from the 'Privacy Settings' drop-down menu.

If your YouTube account is linked to Google Plus and you set your video to private, you see a field into which you can enter the email addresses or profile names of people with whom you want to share your video.

How do I block another user on YouTube?

- Login to your YouTube account.
- Click on the name of the user you want to block. This will take you to their profile.
- Click 'About' on their profile, then hit the flag button.
- In the drop down menu, you will be given the option to 'Block User'.

How do I report another user on YouTube?

- Login to your YouTube account.
- Click on the name of the user you want to report. This will take you to their profile.
- Click 'About' on their profile, then hit the flag button.
- In the drop down menu, select the option that best suits your issue.

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