

Know the signs...

Sony Playstation - Privacy Guide

A Sony Entertainment Network Account is required to play games online against users from around the world and use other online services.

To create an account:

- Sign-in ID: A valid email address for communications from PlayStation Network.
- Online ID: Your screen name that other PlayStation Network users will see.
- Date of Birth: To validate your account if you forget your password.

There are two types of Sony Entertainment Network accounts, Master Accounts and Sub Accounts.

Master Accounts

- Master Accounts are the standard type of account used on the PlayStation Network and are set up by registered users of the PlayStation Network of a specified age or older.
- Master Account holders can adjust parental control settings, such as monthly spending limits or restrictions on voice / video chat for associated Sub Accounts.

Sub Accounts

- Sub Accounts are associated to a Master Account and some activities can be monitored by the Master Account holder.
- They are created based on account holder age - users under 18 years automatically create a sub account.
- Sub account holders cannot create wallets but can make use of the associated Master Account's wallet to pay for products and services.
- Sub Account settings can be set up when the account is created and edited later by the Master Account holder.
- Once a Sub Account is created, it cannot be changed to a master account even if the account holder turns 18.

Parental Controls on PlayStation Network Accounts

The Master Account holder is the only user who has the power to set parental controls for Sub Account users.

To access parental controls, go to the Account Management section of the PlayStation Network - select the Sub Account and set the parental controls.



PS3 Sub Account Parental Controls



The Master Account holder controls Sub Account settings, including parental controls.

They can restrict Sub Accounts' participation in the PlayStation Network and edit the settings at any time for all associated Sub Accounts regardless of age (i.e. including adults' Sub Accounts).



To edit your Sony Entertainment Network account settings:

- Sign in to PlayStation®Network
- Go to 'PlayStation®Network' > 'Account Management' > 'Sub Account Management' > 'Parental Control.'

Chat

PlayStation Network users can communicate with other users through the 'Start New Chat' option under 'Friends.'

The Master Account holder can block Sub Account users from sending or receiving text or voice / video chat though they will still be able to send and receive Message Box messages and chat invitations.

The default setting is 'Block' which means voice/video chat is restricted.



Content Restriction

This setting means a Master Account holder can:

- Prevent a Sub Account from buying game content through the PlayStation Network that is rated higher than his/her age.
- Prevent a Sub Account from playing PlayStation®3 format software content on the PlayStation Network that is rated higher than their age.

The default value is set to "On" meaning content is restricted based on user age

Spending Limit (Monthly)

The Master Account holder can set a monthly limit spending limit for a Sub Account to spend per month if the Master Account's wallet has sufficient funds.

The default value is set to "\$0.00" meaning the Sub Account cannot purchase any items.

Know the Signs

Child sexual exploitation can take place over the internet, and can lead to other 'off line' types of CSE.

Even something that seems like normal teenage behaviour could be a sign that a child is being exploited.

These can include:

- Increasing or secretive mobile phone use
- Excessive amount of time online & being secretive about time online
- A significantly older 'boyfriend' or 'friend' or lots of new friends
- Change in behaviour - becoming aggressive & disruptive or quiet & withdrawn
- Unexplained gifts or new possessions such as clothes, jewellery, mobile phones or money that can't be accounted for
- Regularly missing from home or school and staying out all night

If you have concerns about a child you know report it to Bedfordshire Police by calling 101. Always call 999 in an emergency.

Deaf, hard of hearing or speech impaired people can use textphone 18001 101.

You can call Crimestoppers anonymously on 0800 555 111.

