

# Youth Safety and Well-Being

 [tiktok.com/community-guidelines/en/youth-safety](https://tiktok.com/community-guidelines/en/youth-safety)

We're committed to making TikTok a safe and positive experience for everyone, especially for [people under 18](#). This is who we mean when we refer to "youth" or "young people" in these Community Guidelines. To help keep the platform safer for this age group, we:

- Set age limits for [certain features](#) (like needing to be 16+ for your videos to appear in the FYF, or to use Direct Messages)
- Use [more restrictive privacy settings](#) by default for younger users
- Limit content that may not be appropriate for people under 18, with [content filters and other safeguards](#). Learn more about this kind of content in the "Age-Restricted" sections throughout these Community Guidelines.

## Age Restrictions and Safety Features

You need to be at least 13 years old to create a TikTok account. In some countries, the minimum age may be different based on local laws. In the United States, there is a separate [under-13 TikTok experience](#) that includes extra protections like:

- Restricting interactive features that enable users to directly engage with others, such as commenting on content, messaging, sharing their videos, or maintaining an online profile
- FYF with content that's age-appropriate, as assessed by [Common Sense Networks](#)
- A dedicated [Privacy Policy](#).

If you create a new account in the United States and are under 13, you will automatically enter into this experience.

We remove accounts when we believe the user is under the minimum age required to have one. If we believe someone isn't old enough for features with a minimum age requirement, we'll restrict their access to those features. If your account was removed and you think it was a mistake, you can file an [appeal](#). Anyone can report an account they believe belongs to someone who's too young to have an account—either [in the app](#) or [online](#).

We know that parents sometimes post content featuring their children. If you do so, it needs to be clear that the account belongs to an adult. The bio, profile picture, or username are good places to do this.

## **Youth Safety Enforcement**

We don't allow content that could [harm young people](#)—physically, emotionally, or developmentally. If we become aware an account holder has committed a sexual offense against a young person, we will [ban the account](#), as well as any other accounts belonging to that person. We report incidents of youth sexual abuse and exploitation to the National Center for Missing and Exploited Children ([NCMEC](#)). We also report to relevant law enforcement authorities when there is a specific, credible, and imminent threat to human life or serious physical injury.

Learn more at our [Teen Safety Center](#) and [Guardian's Guide](#).