




Safety and privacy protections for teens on TikTok

At TikTok, we consider the unique developmental needs of teens, meaning those accounts registered to teens 13-15 experience TikTok differently to those aged 16-17. In the US, we also offer a curated experience for those under age 13 that includes additional safeguards and privacy protections.

Feature	 13-15	 16-17	 18+
Direct messaging	Not allowed	Off by default	Friends by default
Account visibility	Private by default	Private by default, option to set to Public	Personal choice
Eligible for For You feed	Not eligible	Eligible	Eligible
Video downloads	Not allowed	Off by default	Personal choice
Comment rules	Only Friends can comment	Followers by default	Personal choice
Duet and Stitch	Not allowed	Friends by default	Personal choice
Going LIVE	Not allowed	Not allowed	Allowed
Daily screen time	60 minutes	60 minutes	Personal choice
Virtual gifting	Not allowed	Not allowed	Personal choice
Nighttime notifications	Disabled from 9pm	Disabled from 10pm	Personal choice

We work to educate families on the safeguards available to help them manage their TikTok experience at our [Youth Portal](#), [Safety Center](#), and [in-app videos](#), and through partnerships with teachers' organizations, youth safety NGOs and educational institutions around the world.