# Setting restrictions on Apple mobile devices

Recently, there has been much media attention around children amassing large bills for their parents by downloading 'In-App' purchases. Apple has a feature on its mobile devices (iPhone, iPod Touch and iPad) which allows parents and carers to restrict the main features through a simple passcode. These can be toggled, so that children are not allowed to have access to certain hardware features, e.g. camera and software, and downloads from the iTunes store can be restricted in relation to content.

## Step 1 Home screen

When you turn on the Apple device, you are presented with the home screen which displays the main Apple Apps.

Tap 'Settings' to be taken to the device system preferences.

**Press Settings**

## Step 2 Settings page

On the 'Settings' page, you are presented with a number of menus related to different tools on the device. Press 'General' and then press 'Restrictions'

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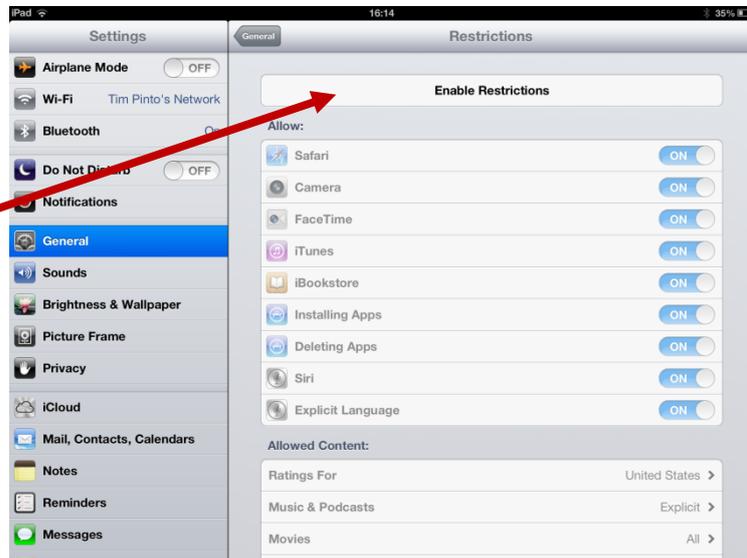
**Press 'Restrictions'**

## Step 3 Enable restrictions

On the 'Restrictions' screen, you will see a number of options which are faded. In order to have access to these, you will need to set a passcode.

**Enable Restrictions**

Click on 'Enable Restrictions' and you will be asked to set a four-character passcode. You will then be asked to verify this passcode again.



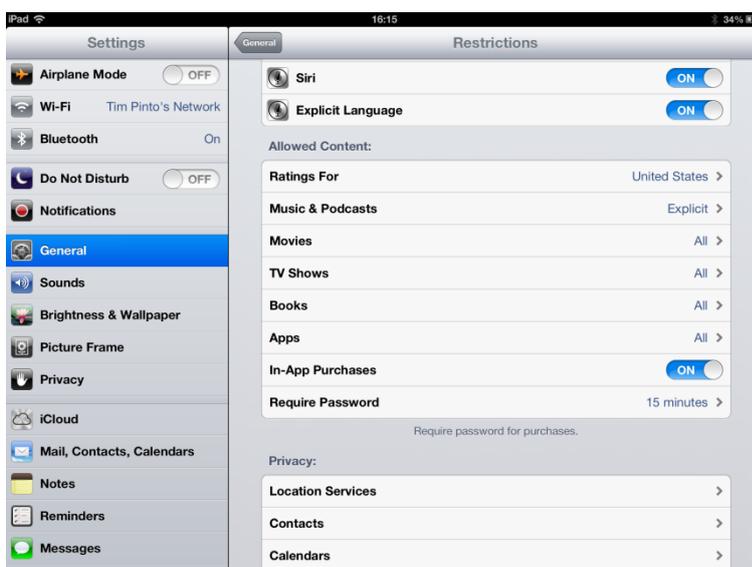**Set and verify passcode**

## Step 4 Disable features

After the passcode has been set, the user then has the ability to restrict use to key features of the device which includes the web browser, camera and installing apps.



**Allow or restrict hardware or software on the device**

## Step 5 Restrict content

Apple devices have access to the iTunes store where music, films, television programmes and podcasts can be downloaded. The user can set restrictions on the type of material that can be downloaded and this is linked to the UK music/video age-classification system. The App Store also allows software applications to be downloaded and the user can limit specific apps which have mature or adult content.



**Set restrictions for content that can be downloaded from the iTunes Store and App Store**

Set a country's age-classification system



Set age restriction for content that can be downloaded

## Step 6 Privacy settings

There is also a feature on Apple devices to set privacy settings to restrict the use of location services and integration with social media tools such as Facebook.



Set specific privacy settings

## Safer web browsing

As the only feature on the Apple Restrictions page is to either switch the Safari browser on or off, parents may wish to look at downloading alternative safe browsers from the Apple App Store. Some suggestions are

### Olly Browser (Free)



### K9 Web Protection Browser (Free)



### Kids Safe Web Browser (£1.49)



### McGruff SafeGuard Browser (Free)



### Mobicip (Free)