

Cool Apps:

Safe Browsing with Mobicip

Implementing parental controls on iOS and Android can only restrict the downloading of age specific elements from each systems' application (app) store. However, the default Web browsers for Android and iOS do not provide parental controls similar to the V-chip in your television. This is where the [Mobicip](#) mobile Web filter is beneficial.

The Mobicip Web filter is a downloadable browsing app from Google Play and iTunes for free. It is configurable via a Web-based interface with some services that come with the app and then a paid service for \$9.99 per year to add supplemental features. Figure 1, on the right shows the available features between the paid and free services. Mobicip's Web site offers a 10 percent discount on the annual subscription with the code MOBICIPFAQ.

One of the things most liked by parents is the Web filtering capability especially when it comes to YouTube. Mobicip bases each search upon an age range in the default version and by category in the yearly subscription version.

For parents of older children, they can set up the browser in "accountability mode" which will send the parent daily reports of activity and not filter the content.

iOS Step-by-Step Directions

1. Select App Store and search for Mobicip and install the app.
2. Launch the Mobicip app.
3. Create a new account on the phone or login with an existing Mobicip account.
4. Select the appropriate filtering: high school, middle school or elementary school.
5. Set up parental controls in iOS to restrict the deletion and installation of apps and restrict Safari. (Please see [iOS Parental Controls 101.](#))

Mobicip for iPhone, iPad, iPod Touch, Android & Kindle Fire	
Features	Free
Intelligent real-time content filtering	✓
Data encryption for privacy	✓
3G, EDGE, WiFi Support	✓
Preconfigured filtering levels	✓
Additional features	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Include additional features at \$9.99 annual subscription per device
Browser-based parental controls	✓
Category Blocking	✓
Website Whitelist and Blacklist	✓
Email Reports	✓
Activity Reports	✓
Time Limits	✓

Logos for CNET, Bobbie.com, and iPhone apps for moms are shown at the bottom of the table.

Figure 1: Mobicip pricing matrix. (Photo/Mobicip.com)

Android Step-by-Step Directions

1. Select Google Play Store and search for Mobicip and install the app.
2. Launch the Mobicip app from the device.
3. Create a new account on the phone or login with an existing Mobicip account.
4. Select appropriate filtering: high school, middle school or elementary school.
5. Select menu > more > settings. By default, the app will restrict the deletion and installing of apps in Android.
6. Select "App Restrictions" in settings and enter your Mobicip password.
7. Block the Android default browser and any other browsers on the device.

Resources:

<http://www.mobicip.com>

<http://digitalsecuritymom.com/archives/217>

<http://digitalsecuritymom.com/archives/260>