



Below are posts from a Facebook group of caregivers concerned about technology.

Post:

 **Anonymous member**
3d · 🌐


My 7 year old is relatively new to Roblox but clearly k ow sher way around. She just went to her room with my phone to get something and I decided to follow her and saw this on the screen. Apparently this half-naked character asked if she wanted to be roommates (with a sign) and she said yes (not sure how). Apparently he followed her into her house and she said they were going to sleep. 😳

Obviously I grabbed the phone and am mortified. Her chat is disabled so she can't chat with anyone but I guess you can use these signs for comms. I've heard of these "rooms" on Roblox (this is her house) but what I want to know is WHAT can actually happen? What might have transpired if I hadn't caught her?? I'm so upset and, of course, mad at myself!




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 **[REDACTED]**
Roblox has p@rn playing at some of the "concerts" in the game. I was mortified. It's a hard NO here. 👍👎 5

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 **[REDACTED]** what does that actually mean? Actual real life videos have been uploaded and play on screen?? 👍

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 **[REDACTED]** Yes. Characters in the game were at a music concert with a stage, but there was a real-life video on the stage with that playing, real videos for any child on Roblox to see. Who would do such a thing?? Pedophiles, grooming, it's just sick. Why put that in a kid game unless you're a sick, sick person. Anybody can create these Roblox worlds, and it's a pedophile's haven. ...

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Good job, my daughter was playing a popular game with tons of great reviews and appropriate ratings, and these characters got her character to follow them, took their clothes off in game and started touching inappropriately! So yeah Roblox is banned here as well. Permanently.

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Oh and my kids have played for years with no issues, that I know of, and this just happened this year. I've heard it's getting a lot worse.

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I'm not sure about what happens in this situation but I know that there are sexually explicit games within the game and they can also chat and say anything and everything . It's known that predators target kids on this game. We found "sex rooms" that were being searched by my friends son .

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that is true but it can be blocked. You have to set the age restriction

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the thing is that new rooms are constantly popping up and being taken down all the time . And because it's a "children/teen" game there's not supposed to be any of that stuff anyways but I guess they are trying harder to filter out all the ugly stuff to make it a safer game to play.


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I play Roblox to keep my finger on the pulse and watch what my kid plays. I can't believe some of the stuff I've seen. I'd definitely not allow chat, and put on parental controls so no one can message your kiddo. But some of this stuff is unavoidable. Some of the player names are lewd, and much of the avatar clothing is extremely inappropriate for kids (such as thigh highs). The other day in a game someone was saying very sexual stuff in the chat and they weren't censored bc they put a period after each letter they typed. Extremely disgusting.

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I've literally watched child predators lure kids into their "room" through the chat. "If i say eggplant- what do you think of?" Type of questions- to clearly young children 🤔 My understanding is that the rooms are used for privacy because then their chat is only seen by them- not everyone else. But reporting these creeps does nothing anyway. I lost my mind seeing what's written & asked if kids in the chat rooms- let alone a private room!

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yes, and the kids don't even know that it's not a safe place right away, the "private server" can look like an innocent game. In every game there are "portals" to other games. You can could walk into an ice cream shop or high school and in appropriate activities are all around them, if the child doesn't know what's going on SOMEONE will happily explain it to them.

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[REDACTED]
We have had a similar experience. It was a bit more graphic though and has cost us a lot of money in therapy for my son. We have since blocked the app. There are many grownups posing as children, some don't even pose, they are blatant. Please be vigilant.

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Post:

[REDACTED]
December 28, 2023 · 🌐

Can we please chat about Roblox? My daughter (10) sometimes goes on and plays with one particular friend and they basically walk around and do silly things like get a job and hang out at each other's houses. I'm always listening and she's really open about what she's doing.

I also know there is a dark side of Roblox and I just want to be fully informed because I don't understand the game or what to watch for, what's safe and what isn't.


Comments:

[REDACTED]
My sister (12) started talking to a boy (supposably 15) and they had planned to sneak out and meet up when we visited family in Texas. She's found a lot of people on there and then they move to discord, where she got invited to serves that were just full of nudes and porn. Then there is also the concerns about the location sharing and such, but I think that would be easier to turn off.

4w Like Reply


[REDACTED]
Even with chat turned off, there are no guarantees of safety with user generated content.
Characters can appear naked, acting sexually, offering drugs via on screen edits such as signs, signage, clothing.

With millions of games accessible within Roblox, there is a lot of unknown and uncontrollable content. The parental safety settings are a false sense of security in something like this.

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[REDACTED]
Roblox is not monitored by anything. Even if you have your child's account set up for them to be safe, they will still see characters having s**, r**e, as**ult etc.

First hand experience here so we don't allow roblox in our house.

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National Center on Sexual Exploitation. April 10, 2024.

My only complaint with Roblox is that the kids can make their own account so while they may have 1 account that has parental controls enabled they may have created 1 or more accounts that you are unaware of and therefore have not set any of the parental controls.

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YES! This very reason is why my son keeps losing his computer privileges. First he got hacked and lost access to his account that was associated with my email so I just said good riddens because I couldn't fix it and customer service was no help. Then I found out he set up accounts with his school email and set his age to that of an adult and that was it for me. Just caught him playing again on his school computer (he never got his house computer back after the first time when he was hacked) 😞

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👋 exactly! This happens all the time and my daughter has done it numerous times and it's impossible to get ahead of because Roblox sucks in regards to parental restrictions

Post:



Anonymous member

January 3, 2023 · 🌐

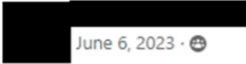


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Monitor and talk to your kiddos OFTEN! Disabling something does not make it impossible to do, or mean that they won't find a work-around! Make sure they repeatedly hear why something is a rule, especially when it's for their safety.

Post:

 June 6, 2023 · 🌐

Roblox opinions needed!

I have a 7 year old and 10.5 year old petitioning for Roblox, partially because we have / make a lot of traveling-family friends, and some of the kids use Roblox as a way to stay connected as they move around the world.

We already started on Minecraft 2 years ago for the same reasons, but the staying-in-touch part of it faded pretty quickly, and then we were left with kids who love Minecraft (which I actually didn't mind overall - we only allow creative mode, and if behavior goes downhill because it becomes addictive, we just cold-turkey stop for a while).


I see a lot of value in Minecraft - my older girl could easily go into interior design or architecture one day, and I see the creativity and thought she puts into it - on other days, she's doing the same thing with LEGO.

But I'm not seeing the same value in Roblox so far, from my research. I also have much bigger concerns about safety for them. But I don't know if those are exaggerated, or if the parents who allow Roblox (especially for younger kids) just aren't aware of the possible risks. Or if I don't understand how real the risks really are.


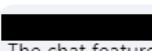
But if the reason for Roblox is to play with friends, then you'd need the Chat function, and a) that seems dicey, and b) my 7 year old would need a lot of help from us to write messages, and I don't want them going down that texting-with-friends road yet, as we aren't there yet!


They only use our devices, they don't have any iPads or phones of their own.

Would love to hear the good and bad from parents who have been there! 🙏👍❤️


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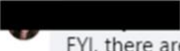
  The chat features are not the only aspect of Roblox that makes it unsafe. Roblox is a free-for-all in terms of the games that can be accessed. They are user created, and often have questionable content (my 12 year old had Roblox a few months ago. He played twice, then never again. He had a job dancing in a bar for money so that he could buy anything he wanted, including firearms. I have heard of kids being exposed to porn through Roblox because the games created on the platform have sexual content. Roblox claims to shut those games down "quickly", but the fact that they can ever be accessed at all is not good enough for me to even consider it as a safe option.

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 Roblox is a pedo playground. I tried to allow it but don't anymore. I just couldn't keep my kid safe. Every now and again we will play together but that's the only time it's allowed.

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 FYI, there are rooms your kids can enter that bypass the chat function and allow it regardless of your settings. They are disturbing rooms. 😞

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Post:



Group member

August 12, 2022 · 🌐



Hello- Roblox help needed! I have set up accounts for my kids 8 & 11 with parental controls in place to not allow chat..they somehow figured out how to open new accounts on their own and can go play with chat enabled 🙄 Is there any way to prevent this?

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Post:



Group member

May 24, 2022 · 🌐



Roblox - my 9yo daughter is begging me to join as most of her class and friends have Roblox and she feels left behind and left out. We are considering allowing her to play with supervision and setting up an account as a gift for finishing the year with straight A's. What should we know as fairly tech conservative parents? Should we allow her to add her friends? In setting up account should we share actual stats? Thanks!

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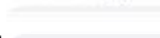
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Roblox is not a safe place for kids. It is full of predators. My daughter played for awhile. She never talked to anyone but the links she would randomly be sent were full of porn and other disgusting things. There are also sex rooms in the game. Its a hard no for us. Look up @lifeaccordingtolisa on Instagram. Her daughter was being groomed by a predator. Once I saw her daughter's story, Roblox went goodbye. My daughter doesnt even miss it.



Like Reply 43w





I'm a therapist. I have had to make numerous child protective services calls for children being groomed online - many on Roblox. It escalates FAST. I'm also a parent and don't allow any games for my children with internet access. I probably overcorrect in that area and will loosen the reins at some point, but right now I land in better safe than sorry.





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Post:

  August 31, 2022 · 🌐

My kid (11) requested Roblox.
After reading previous posts here I'm terrified. I don't think I'm capable of monitoring it, and my kid is easily addictive to and has anger management issues.
I want to say no. But how? I want to be reasonable and not a no coz parents make the decision.
I suggested Minecraft or Mario games, but no she wants Roblox badly.

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Please avoid this platform. My minion has now had 2 situations of groomers/predators in this game get too far. The had multiple profiles and somehow got their phone number to her. She is an honor roll kid. They can convince anyone. This with me having most controls set to only chat in servers and her set at a 2yr old level. I would never had let this is my house I just roved it this August after 3yrs. It's a predators playground.

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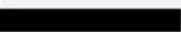
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I had someone friend my daughter on one of the games in there and she convinced her to go private message on the discord app. It was completely grooming from there on. No good.

Like Reply 23w

Even with chat disabled, they can also send messages when making a trade within games like Pet Simulator. My son told me that this past week.

Like Reply 23w