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**What is Parental Control?**

Parental Control allows you to control the programs that can be viewed on your TV. This way, you can make sure your family doesn't watch anything you don't want them to.

You can block programs in 4 different ways:

- By Channel
- By Rating
- By Time Period
- By Title

Before you can turn Parental Control on, you must set up your Parental Control blocking preferences.

**How to Set Your Preferences**

You can set all your preferences in the **General Settings** menu.

1. Press **SETTINGS** on your Digital Remote to display the **Quick Settings** menu.
2. Press **A** to display the **General Settings** menu.

**Channel Block Preference**

1. Start the **General Settings** menu.
2. Press **PAGE+/-** to jump to **Parental Control**.
3. Press **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to select **Blocked Channels**.
4. Press **SELECT**. A list of all channels will appear.

5. Press **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to highlight a channel you want to block.
6. Press **SELECT**. You have now blocked this channel.
  - A red lock appears next to the channel you've selected.
  - The channel number also appears in a list of **Blocked Channels** on the right side of the screen.
7. To block more channels, highlight each one and press **SELECT**.
8. To remove a channel from the list, just highlight it and press **SELECT** again.
9. When you're done, press the **LEFT** arrow.

**Rating Block Preference**

1. Start in the **General Settings** menu.
2. Press **PAGE+/-** to jump to **Parental Control**.
3. Press **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to find **Blocked Ratings**.
4. Press **SELECT**. A list of ratings will appear.
5. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to highlight a rating you want to block.
6. Press **SELECT**. You have now blocked this rating and all ratings that are more mature than this one. For example, if you select PG you will also block PG-13, R, NC-17 and higher.
  - A red lock appears next to each blocked rating.
  - All blocked ratings are also listed on the right side of the screen.
7. Press **A** to accept these blocks, or **C** to cancel them.

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### Time Block Preference

1. Start in the **General Settings** menu.
2. Press **PAGE+/-** to jump to **Parental Control**.
3. Press **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to find **Parental Control**.
4. Press **SELECT**. A screen appears with columns for **ON/OFF, DAY, START** and **STOP**. You will start out in the **ON/OFF** column.
5. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrow to choose the **ON** option.
6. Press the **RIGHT** arrow to move to the next column: **DAY**.
7. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrow to block one of the following options:
  - A particular date
  - All weekends
  - All weekdays
8. Press the **RIGHT** arrow again to choose the **START TIME** column.
9. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to select the **Hour**.
10. Press the **RIGHT** arrow to move into the columns for **Minutes** and **AM/PM** and use the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to set your choices.
11. Repeat these instructions for the **STOP TIME**.
12. Once you have set your **Time Block**, press **A** to accept it or press **C** to cancel it.
13. When you accept this Block, a new line appears, called **BLOCKED TIME 1**.
14. You can set up to 4 Blocked Time periods. Each can be turned on or off individually. During these blocked time periods, every channel and program will be blocked. This way you can restrict all viewing at certain times, such as afterschool or late at night.

### Title Block Preference

1. Start in the **General Settings** menu.
2. Press **PAGE+/-** to jump to Parental Control.
3. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to find **Blocked Titles**.
4. Press **SELECT**.
5. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to highlight **Enabled**.
6. Press **SELECT** again to accept.
  - When you enable this, shows that contain any adult content or language will be hidden on the **Navigator Interactive On-Screen Guide** and the **iCONTROL** menus. You will see the words **TITLE BLOCKED** instead of the program name.
  - Blocking titles does NOT restrict viewing. Therefore, we recommend that you use this feature in combination with other blocks.

### Activating Parental Control

Now that you've set up your Parental Control Preferences, you're ready to activate them.

**Important: Setting up the Blocks is not enough, you have to activate them as well. If you do not activate the blocks, they won't work.**

You can do this 2 ways:

#### **A) From the General Settings menu...**

1. Start in the **General Settings** menu.
2. Press **PAGE+/-** to jump to **Parental Control**.
3. Press the **UP** or **DOWN** arrow to select **Parental Control** and press **SELECT**.

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4. Use the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to change setting from **DISABLED** to **ENABLED**.
  5. Enter your **BLOCKING PIN** number when prompted.
- Tip: If you have never changed your PIN number, the default is usually **0000**. We recommend that you change your PIN number. View the **Changing Your PIN Numbers** tutorial to learn how to do this.
6. You have now activated all Channel, Time, Rating and Title blocks. Press **A** to confirm.
  7. Press **EXIT** to return to watching regular TV.

**B) From the Quick Settings menu...**

1. While watching regular television, press **SETTINGS** to bring up the **Quick Settings** menu.
2. Use the **UP** or **DOWN** arrows to select **Activate Parental Control**.
3. Use the **LEFT** arrow to change setting from **NO** to **YES**.
4. Enter your **PIN** number when prompted.
5. Press **A** to accept.

**Watching with Blocks Activated**

Once you have set up your blocks and activated Parental Control, any time you tune to a blocked program you will see a **Parental Control Alert**.