

# 10 ways to protect iPhone / iPad from the curiosity of children

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It is not difficult to see a child holding an iPhone or iPad. Although endless source of games and videos on the device is a great way to entertain children, you also need to take some preparation before giving your child the freedom to use the device.

You should protect your iPhone or iPad by controlling the software, as well as setting it up optimally for young children.

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### 1. Equipped with a strong protective cover for the device



Children often do not know how to preserve furniture. When giving your child an iPhone / iPad worth over \$ 800, you should be prepared to see the device thrown into the wall, fall to the ground or sit down.

Apple products are not very durable so you'll find yourself lucky if the screen doesn't break after your child hits it on the ground.

The solution is a rugged cladding for the device. When looking at the best iPhone case covers, having the two best products of the article to introduce to you is Griffin Survivor Extreme and OtterBox Defender. You can also find more child-friendly products such as Pikachu or Mario pictures.

## 2. Screen protector stickers



For some people, adding iPhone protection covers is not very practical. For example, if your child plays with the device you use to work, you cannot enter the meeting with a dinosaur-shaped panel.

However, at the very least, you should use a screen protector. In fact, whether there are young children in the house or not, it is still a necessary iPhone accessory.

Just take a moment to paste that thin protective layer into your phone screen. These guards will prevent the screen from cracking in all cases.

### 3. Electrical safety

Depending on your child's age, charging your device may have some risks.

Young children should never play around the power source. The tendency to put things in the mouth and curiously explore the environment immediately puts children at risk of electric shock.

Therefore, never let toddlers play on a charging device. And remember, you should always watch for plugs and electrical outlets in your home.

### 4. Use Family Sharing feature

Family Sharing lets you share your purchases on iTunes, iBooks and App Store with up to 5 other users. It also allows you to create calendars, photo albums and memory iCloud can share.

A Family Sharing account is called Family Organizer and all purchases are using their credit card. Each user will still have their own Apple ID.

Family Organizer is great for managing children's habits. You can make sure you get the Ask to Buy message every time your child tries to download something. Then you can approve or reject the download as you wish. If you create Apple ID for people under 13, these alerts are turned on by default.

Family Sharing is also useful for your absences. For example, you can temporarily allow grandparents or babysitters to approve a purchase.

### 5. Disable application downloads and in-app purchases



You should use the Family Sharing feature, but that may not be suitable for everyone.

Instead, you can disable in-app purchases. It will prevent you from being shocked when looking at your bill at the end of the month, when you find out that your brother has spent \$ 200 to buy his favorite games.

To turn off in-app purchases, you need to use the **iOS Restrictions** menu. Go to **Settings> General> Restrictions** to start the operation. Put the button next to **In-App Purchases** to **Off** to make changes.

If your child is too young, you may even want to disable the ability to completely download the application. Again, just click the relevant on / off button.

## **6. Use the Guided Access feature**

If you want to keep your child using only the current application and prevent them from switching to another application, you should use the Guided Access feature. This feature will turn off volume control, motion control, touch controls and keyboards.

To turn on Guided Access, go to **Settings> General> Accessibility> Guided Access** . And to turn on Guided Access regularly, press the Home button three times.

## **7. Using third-party applications**

Notably, iPhone still does not support many users. The lack of this support will make it difficult for you to keep important documents, emails and photos out of your child's curiosity. After all, you want your child to have a separate account on the device.

Instead of putting all your mail accounts in Apple's original email application, why not download third-party apps and add them to your email account separately?

You can do the same with third-party applications for different social networks, as well as calendars, browsers and other tools. Doing so will keep your messages, diaries, web history and everything else separate.

## **8. Use folders**

iOS has supported the home screen folders to organize your applications for a long time. So instead of leaving all your applications cluttered, in conjunction with your child's applications, why not include these applications in two separate folders? Each directory can act as a gateway to the iPhone's 'world'.

Using separate directories also enhances the benefits of using many third-party applications as mentioned above.

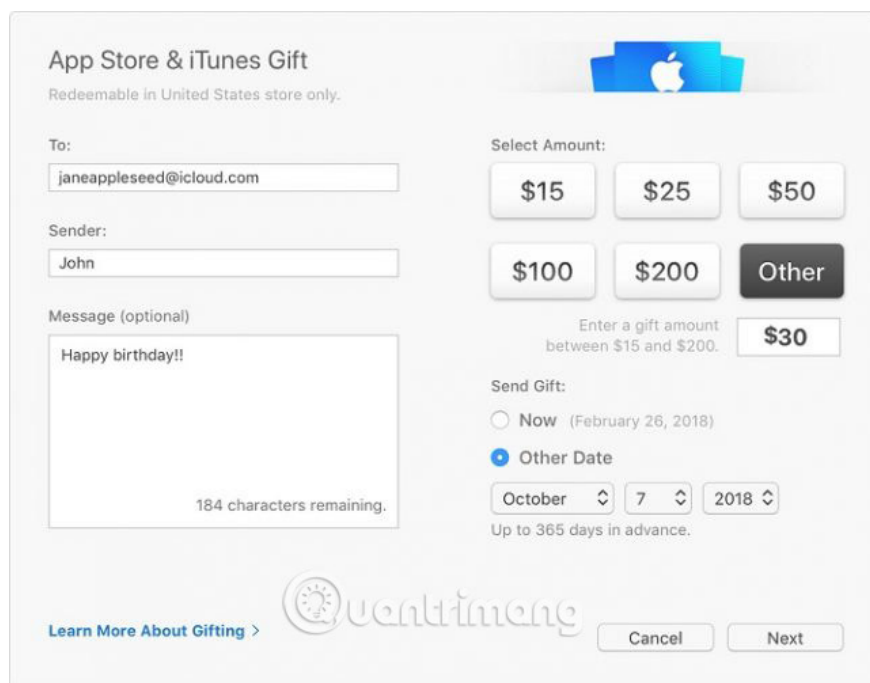
If you don't want to continue browsing through so many apps in a folder to find what you're looking for, get into the habit of using Spotlight.

## **9. Use iTunes gift card**

As your children get older, you may want to start teaching them the value of money. A good approach is to use iTunes gift cards to add a small amount to your child's iTunes balance every month.

You will still have to approve the purchase, but it will reduce the burden on your credit card, and also help your child control their spending.

## 10. Gift application



The screenshot shows the 'App Store & iTunes Gift' application form. It includes fields for 'To:' (janeappleseed@icloud.com), 'Sender:' (John), and a 'Message (optional)' field containing 'Happy birthday!!'. The 'Select Amount:' section offers buttons for \$15, \$25, \$50, \$100, \$200, and 'Other', with a text input field set to \$30. The 'Send Gift:' section has radio buttons for 'Now (February 26, 2018)' and 'Other Date', with the latter selected and showing 'October 7, 2018'. A 'Cancel' and 'Next' button are at the bottom right. A watermark for 'Quantimeng' is visible in the background.

Finally, do you know if you can donate the application from one Apple ID to another Apple ID?

Therefore, the last suggestion in this article is to create a specific Apple ID for the device your child uses, then buy your own Apple ID apps and give them the necessary.

If you pay attention to the 10 points the article has discussed, you will have a way to provide a safe and enjoyable iPhone or iPad user experience for your child. Remember, continuous monitoring is always a key factor.

Good luck!

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