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Executive Summary

The objective of this report is to show the performance and effectiveness of the Kaspersky Safe Kids and Kaspersky Safe Kids Premium parental control applications across various platforms, specifically for Windows 11, Android 12, and Apple iOS 16. The testing was conducted in November - December 2025.

The main focus areas are the effectiveness of website blocking against child-inappropriate content and the simulation of real-world usage scenarios. This includes evaluating the provision and effectiveness of tools for guardians to ensure child safety while they use modern technologies independently. The report also covers an assessment of product features such as categorical website blockage, social media control, search engine monitoring, time and duration restrictions, application control, comprehensive reporting, geolocation of the child's device, battery tracking, and dedicated YouTube protections like Safe Search and search history monitoring.

Key Findings:

- Kaspersky Safe Kids demonstrates strong performance in blocking potentially inappropriate websites, achieving an overall average block rate of 93% on Windows and 86% on Android.
- The application remains highly effective at blocking the most critical category, "Adult content," stopping 98.6% of such sites on Windows and 96.6% on Android.
- Over-blocking, indicated by falsely restricting age-appropriate content, remains low, with false-positive rates of just 8.7% on Windows and 7.9% on Android.
- Key features such as targeted URL blockage, search engine monitoring, time and duration restrictions, application control, violation reporting, geo-fencing (allowed areas), and device battery monitoring are robustly integrated. Premium-tier offerings further enhance this with advanced GPS child location, screen time scheduling, and YouTube search history monitoring.

The evaluation of Kaspersky Safe Kids highlights its sustained effectiveness in providing extensive protection across major operating systems. The application consistently demonstrates strong performance in website blocking and offers a comprehensive suite of features to ensure online child safety. While there is minor room for improvement in further minimizing the already low over-blocking rates, the overall performance remains highly commendable. Its robust capabilities reinforce its strong suitability as a modern parental control solution.

This marks the 9th participation of Kaspersky's products in AV-TEST's Parental Control testing, and once again, the technologies meet all criteria to earn certification¹.



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Introduction to Parental Control

Parental Control

Parental control software is a specialized security application designed to help guardians monitor and manage the digital activities of minors. These tools are essential for protecting children from common online risks, such as exposure to inappropriate content and cyberbullying. The software enables parents to establish clear boundaries for internet usage, thereby promoting a significantly safer online environment for their children.

Key capabilities typically include content filtering to block unsuitable materials, activity monitoring to track digital behavior, and time management tools to enforce screen time limits. Additionally, the software can restrict access to specific applications and games, helping to prevent exposure to harmful or distracting content. By equipping parents with the necessary tools to oversee and guide their children's internet habits, parental control software is instrumental in fostering a balanced, secure, and healthy digital experience for young users.

Kaspersky Safe Kids

Kaspersky Safe Kids operates as a reliable solution within the parental control software market, dedicated to providing comprehensive monitoring and filtering features to ensure children's safety in the digital realm. Following a thorough assessment conducted in November – December 2025, Kaspersky Safe Kids demonstrated its ongoing capability to meet the essential criteria expected from a trusted parental control provider across multiple operating systems.

The software's array of verified features—such as categorical website blocking, application control, and screen time restrictions—offers parents the necessary tools to effectively manage their children's online activities. Furthermore, Kaspersky Safe Kids incorporates robust security and tamper protection measures, ensuring that the defined parental configurations are strictly safeguarded against unauthorized changes or uninstallation by the child.

In terms of practical application, Kaspersky Safe Kids provides a comprehensive management experience across Windows, Android, and iOS platforms. The inclusion of guided advice and age-appropriate setting explanations makes it straightforward for guardians to configure and customize controls. The software remains a highly accessible tool for parents seeking to protect their children online and foster secure, balanced digital habits without severely disrupting the device's standard operation.

Test Introduction

Website Blockage

The following 13 out of 14 available categories in Kaspersky Safe Kids' "Restriction for website categories" have been enabled for blockage for this test:

1. Adult content (covers "Dating")
2. Alcohol, tobacco, drugs
3. Anonymizers
4. Electronic commerce (covers "Shopping")
5. Gambling, lotteries, sweepstakes
6. Internet communication (covers categories "Chat and Forum", and "Dating")
7. Job search
8. News media
9. Religions, religious associations
10. Software, audio, video (covers "Illegal Data Exchange & Filesharing")
11. Video games (covers "Computer games")
12. Violence
13. Weapons, explosives, pyrotechnics

To ensure reliable results, each website undergoes up to three validation checks. If a site is not restricted during the initial visit, it is tested twice more within a span of a few hours to verify the parental control product's consistency. This approach accounts for potential fluctuations in dynamic website content. A site is classified as successfully blocked if either the entire page or the specific inappropriate content is rendered inaccessible to the user.

Website Samples

Close to 7,400 websites were collected prior to the test, representing the most current live pages for the targeted categories and languages. Specifically, 6,200 websites were utilized to evaluate how effectively the product blocks the defined inappropriate categories. An additional 1,220 age-appropriate websites were used to cross-check the detection capabilities and determine the rate of possible over-blocking (false positives) by the product. The website test set encompasses six languages: English, German, French, Italian, Spanish, and Portuguese.

Test Results

Introduction

This report aims to present the results of the meticulous evaluation of Kaspersky Safe Kids' protective capabilities in ensuring the online safety of children. The assessment focuses on examining the overall effectiveness of the software in monitoring and filtering children's digital activities to mitigate potential risks and online threats.

Coverage Assessment

The testing scenarios encompass the software's effectiveness in blocking inappropriate websites, managing application usage, enforcing screen time limits, and tracking the child's device location. These tests directly reflect the common situations and challenges faced by parents and guardians in managing their children's digital habits.

The findings provide insights into Kaspersky Safe Kids' ability to mitigate online risks, evaluating the software's performance in deploying advanced monitoring and filtering features reliably across diverse operating systems, including Windows, Android, and iOS.

Quality of Protection Assessment

The assessment covers various practical scenarios encountered by parents, thoroughly testing the software's capacity to block inappropriate content, manage daily screen time, and track online behavior securely.

By utilizing a comprehensive methodology, real-world usage scenarios are simulated to evaluate the software's performance across different digital environments. This approach provides clear insights into the application's reliability and its effectiveness in maintaining a consistently secure online environment for young user.

Results Analysis

This section showcases the accumulated findings from the parental control software testing, focusing on key features, usability, security, privacy, and transparency. The evaluation seeks to provide clear insights into the effectiveness of the software solution in safeguarding children's online activities and promoting a secure digital environment, highlighting the performance, strengths, and minor areas for improvement of Kaspersky Safe Kids.

In this evaluation, the effectiveness of monitoring and regulating children's online activities to mitigate potential risks and digital threats is closely examined. The assessment encompasses various core criteria, including the software's proven ability to block inappropriate web content, manage daily screen time, and protect user privacy alongside data security.

Feature Test

The Feature Test evaluates the fundamental functionalities necessary for a comprehensive parental control application, encompassing all aspects of device management and user interaction. These functionalities may vary across different operating systems. Kaspersky Safe Kids offers varying degrees of control options across Windows, Android, and iOS, ensuring a tailored approach to parental supervision.

FEATURE REVIEW	Windows 11	Android 12	iOS 16.5.1
Search Engine Monitoring	+ ¹	+ ¹	+ ¹
Time and Usage Duration Restriction	+	+	+
Application Control	+ ²	+ ²	+ ⁴
Social Media control	+ ³	+ ³	+ ³
Security - Tamper Protection	+	+	+
Security - Supervision and Control from another Device	+	+	+
Reporting - Central user interface	+	+	+
Reporting - Incidents Overview	+	+	+

¹ Bing, Google, Mail.ru, Yahoo!, and Yandex

² Choose apps yourself or by application categories

³ VK

⁴ By age restrictions (available for iOS in the app version 1.38.0.14 and later)

Kaspersky Safe Kids offers a comprehensive suite of features essential for modern parental control applications. Its Search Engine Monitoring feature is specifically designed to sanitize web queries, covering major search engines like Google, Bing, Yahoo!, Mail.ru, and Yandex. When a child performs a search, this feature actively filters out search results related to adult content, alcohol, tobacco, narcotics, profanity, obscenity, extremism, and racism.

This search-level protection acts independently from the software's broader URL Blocking mechanism, which is responsible for restricting direct access to full websites across various inappropriate categories (such as gambling, weapons, and shopping).

Furthermore, the application enables parents to manage screen time by setting time and duration restrictions on the child's device usage. Kaspersky allows parents to block applications on Windows and Android devices either by choosing specific apps themselves or by selecting broad application categories. On iOS devices, application control is implemented based on age restrictions. Social media control remains focused on VK, offering oversight capabilities for the platform.

To prevent attempts to circumvent the provided protection, Kaspersky Safe Kids implements robust password protection for its settings, serving as an effective tamper defense. Supervision and control can be managed entirely from another device, ensuring convenient remote access for guardians without needing direct physical contact with the child's device.

Additionally, the software provides comprehensive reporting through a central user interface, delivering a clear overview of all violations. The product also integrates extra features to bolster child safety and ease of use, including Safe Search on YouTube, website whitelisting, geolocation of the child's device with "Allowed area" mapping, and built-in advice and explanations for settings tailored to the child's age.

Website protection

The Website Blockage feature evaluates the essential capabilities required for robust content filtering within a parental control application, focusing specifically on preventing access to inappropriate or harmful websites. While the core protective capabilities are highly effective, the technical implementation of this feature varies slightly across different operating systems to accommodate platform-specific architectures. By offering these adaptable, cross-platform blocking options, the software ensures a highly customized approach to online safety. This allows parents to confidently and effectively shield their children from undesirable web content, regardless of whether they are using a Windows, Android, or iOS device.

Categories of Age-inappropriate Webpages	Windows	Android
Adult content	98,55 %	96,58%
Alcohol, tobacco, drugs	97,83%	91,50%
Anonymizers	86,81%	78,57%
Chat and Forum	92,13%	82,58%
Computer Games	91,34%	87,38%
Dating	96,27%	92,95%
Gambling	95,03%	91,87%
Illegal Data Exchange & Filesharing	92,86%	90,00%
Job search	89,77%	75,68%
News media	86,85%	76,64%
Religions, religious associations	88,41%	82,93%
Shopping	95,34%	85,42%
Violence	89,11%	85,15%
Weapons	94,94%	89,87%
Average	92,52%	86,22%
Mistakenly blocked	8,71%	7,89%

The analysis of the results for both Windows and Android platforms indicates that Kaspersky Safe Kids demonstrates strong performance in blocking access to age-inappropriate websites across various categories.

For the Windows platform, the application achieves a highly effective blocking rate of 98.6% for adult content, indicating robust filtering capabilities in this critical category. Additionally, it maintains high blocking rates for other categories such as dating (96.3%), shopping (95.3%), gambling (95.0%), and weapons, explosives, and pyrotechnics (94.9%), resulting in an impressive average overall blocking rate of 92.5%.

Similarly, on the Android platform, Kaspersky Safe Kids shows commendable performance, with a strong blocking rate of 96.6% for adult content and solid blocking rates for categories like dating (92.9%) and gambling (91.9%). While there is a noticeable decrease in blocking rates for certain categories compared to the Windows platform, the application still maintains a solid overall average blocking rate of 86.2%.

Furthermore, the false detection (over-blocking) rate for both platforms remains notably low—at 8.7% for Windows and 7.9% for Android. This indicates a high level of accuracy in identifying and blocking age-inappropriate content without unnecessarily restricting access to legitimate, age-appropriate websites.

Overall

The parental control test results for Kaspersky Safe Kids showcase its continued effectiveness in providing robust protection and monitoring features for children's online activities. Across the tested platforms, particularly Windows and Android, the application demonstrates strong URL blocking capabilities across various categories, notably excelling in restricting access to adult content and potentially harmful material. The notably low false detection rate further underscores the accuracy of its filtering mechanism, ensuring that legitimate, age-appropriate browsing remains unimpeded.

Kaspersky Safe Kids offers a comprehensive suite of features that empower parents to actively safeguard their children's online experiences. Its Search Engine Monitoring feature covers major global search engines alongside popular platforms like Mail.ru and Yandex, actively filtering out inappropriate content—such as adult material, narcotics, and profanity—directly from search results. Additionally, the application enables parents to manage screen time effectively by setting strict time and duration restrictions, promoting a healthy balance between digital engagement and offline activities.

Notably, Kaspersky Safe Kids allows parents to block applications on Windows and Android devices by specific categories or individual selection, while iOS app usage is efficiently managed via age restrictions. Social media oversight extends to the VK network, providing necessary controls to help ensure a child's safety within the platform. The implementation of robust tamper protections, specifically password-secured settings, further prevents circumvention attempts by the user, ensuring the enduring integrity of the parental control configurations.

Performances Comparison of 2023 vs. 2026

The 2026 assessment also evaluated several categories that were not applicable in the 2023 testing scope. The "Dating" category demonstrated a strong blocking rate of 96.27%, while "Chat and Forum" reached 92.13%. Furthermore, the "Illegal Data Exchange & Filesharing" and "Shopping" categories demonstrated commendable blocking capabilities, achieving highly effective rates of 92.86% and 95.34%, respectively.

Test Results Summary

This report provides a comprehensive evaluation of Kaspersky Safe Kids, focusing on its efficacy in safeguarding children's online activities. The assessment offers clear insights into the software's capabilities to monitor and regulate digital behavior, fostering a secure environment across major operating systems.

Kaspersky Safe Kids was tested in simulated real-world environments, exposing it to various scenarios commonly encountered by young users. These scenarios included attempts to access inappropriate web content, managing time spent on devices or specific applications, and utilizing location tracking. Performance metrics were measured against current standards to evaluate the software's effectiveness in everyday situations.

Exhibiting strong performance in regulating children's online activities, Kaspersky Safe Kids effectively blocks access to restricted content and reliably manages screen time. Furthermore, its Search Engine Monitoring acts as a strong preventative measure, filtering out highly sensitive categories directly from search queries to proactively mitigate exposure to potential online risks.

Robust in its core filtering capabilities, the application offers parents comprehensive insights into their children's digital behavior. It actively restricts access to undesirable websites across diverse and refined categories, providing highly customizable settings that allow guardians to tailor protection levels to individual needs and specific age groups.

Its accessible central user interface sets Kaspersky Safe Kids apart, simplifying security management for parents. Features such as detailed activity reports, strict time and duration management tools, and robust tamper protection significantly bolster the software's usability and effectiveness in cultivating healthy digital habits.

Compared to the previous year's evaluation, the current release demonstrates refined content categorization and sustained high performance. On the Windows platform, it achieved a slight improvement in its overall blocking rate, while Android saw a minor decrease. Importantly, both platforms experienced only a negligible, marginal increase in falsely blocked web pages, meaning the software maintains a highly accurate filtering mechanism without significant overreach. Overall, Kaspersky Safe Kids successfully adapts to newly specified content areas, reinforcing its position as a reliable and balanced parental control solution.

In conclusion, Kaspersky Safe Kids offers a robust toolset for parents seeking to protect their children's online experiences. With its effective monitoring features, cross-platform support, and comprehensive reporting, it provides a dependable solution for fostering a safe digital environment. Continued attention to minor filtering refinements will further solidify its strong standing in the parental control software market.

Kaspersky Safe Kids has consistently demonstrated strong capabilities in its category, marking this year as its 9th participation in the testing process. Throughout these years, it has reliably proven its effectiveness and efficiency in the realm of parental control software. Maintaining its tradition of excellence, Kaspersky Safe Kids once again meets all criteria to receive the approved certification this year, affirming its status as a trusted and comprehensive solution for families seeking to manage their children's online activities safely.

Certificate: APPROVED Parental Control Software

Kaspersky Safe Kids was awarded the AV-TEST APPROVED Parental Control Software certificate in 2026 for all three tested operating systems.



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