New Mexico Department of Justice: Comprehensive Guide to Discord Privacy Settings

Discord was initially designed as a communication platform for gamers. It has evolved into an essential tool for over 250 million active users, enabling video calls and text messages. Despite its widespread popularity, the platform has been embroiled numerous video calls and text messages – including issues related to child grooming.

Protecting your child's privacy and safety on Discord is an important step to ensure they are safeguarded from potential cybercriminals and to ensure that they have a safe and positive experience on the popular app. This guide will provide steps to properly configure your child's privacy settings on TikTok. It's encouraged to set these settings to be as private as possible and to do so with your child present to allow for open communication and questions.

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Discord requires users to be at least 13 years old.

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1. Open Discord and login to your child's account.
2. Once you're successfully logged in, select the 'profile' icon at the bottom right of the screen.
3. Select the 'gear' icon in the upper right-hand corner of the screen once you are on your child's profile page.

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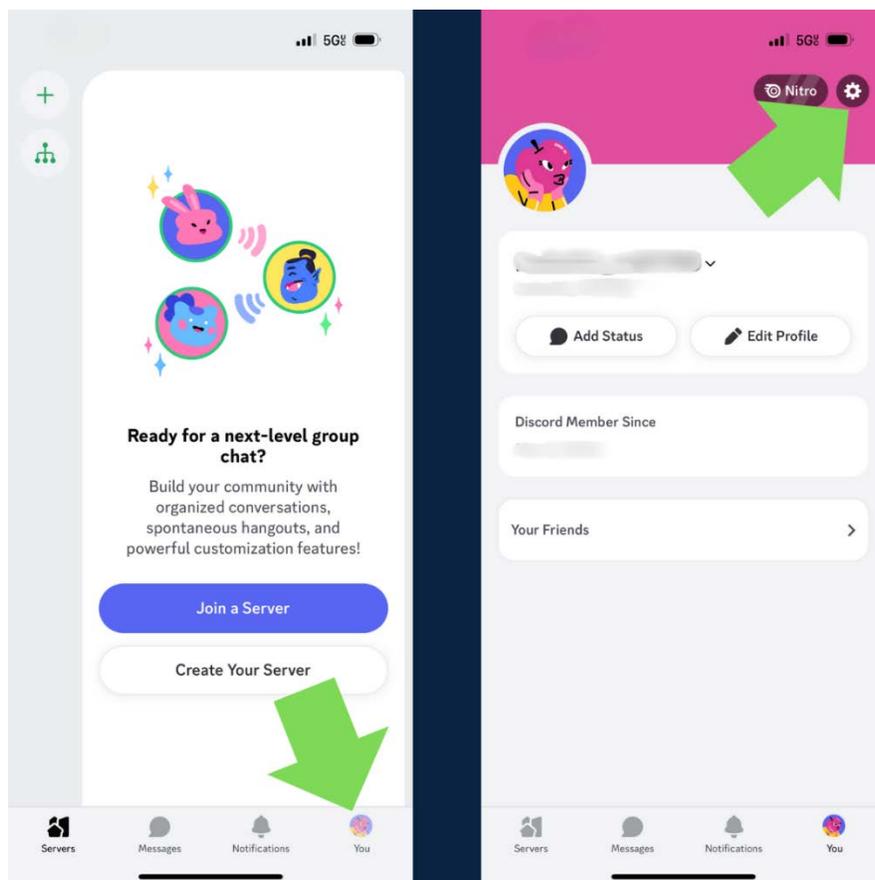
4. Once this menu is opened on the screen, scroll down until you find 'Privacy and Safety'. Select this option.
5. First, you'll see 'Sensitive Media' above a set of two options. These options are:
   a. 'Direct messages from friends', and
   b. 'Direct messages from others',
      i. The two options are either 'Block' for 'Blur' and will save automatically once a selection is chosen.
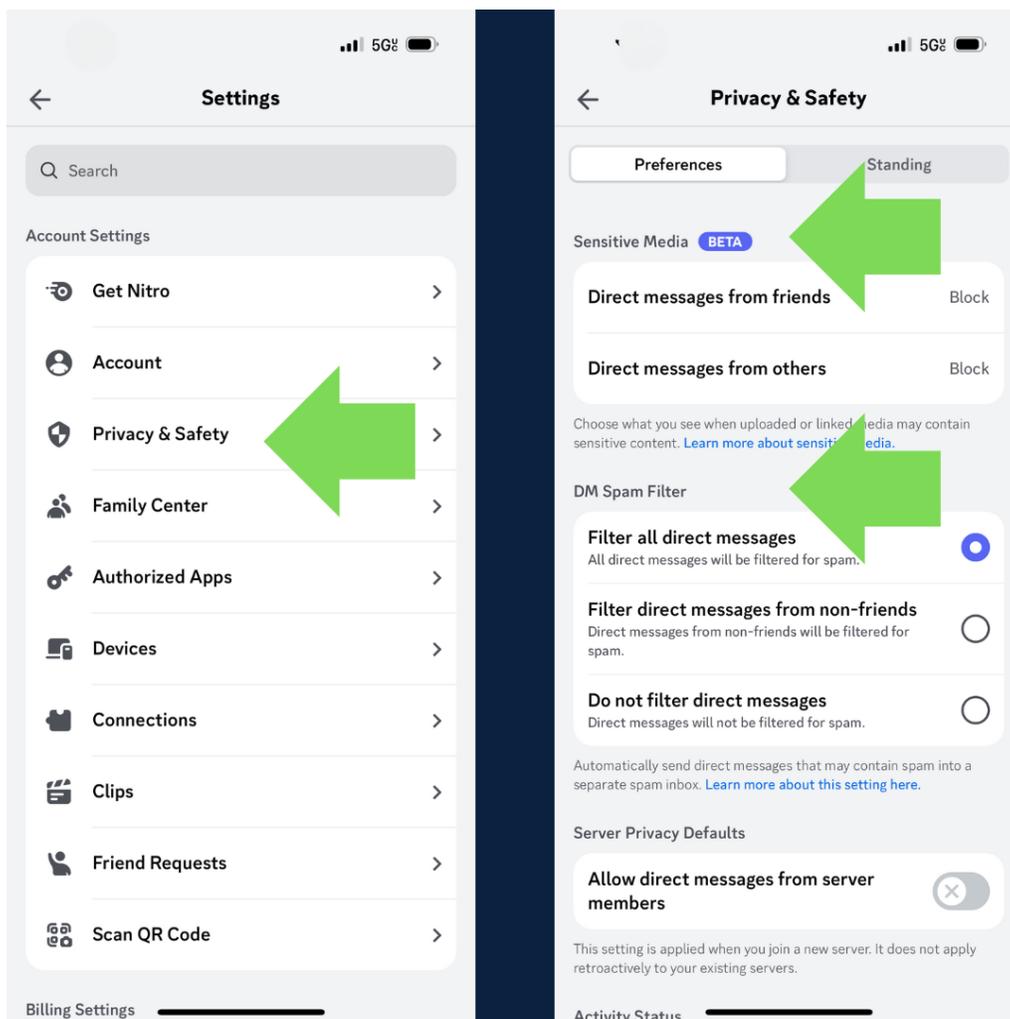
6. Beneath the 'Sensitive Media' section is the is the DM Spam Filter with similar options:
    a. 'Filter all direct messages',
    b. 'Filter direct messages from non-friends', or
    c. 'Do not filter direct messages.'
        i. To ensure your child is protected, we suggest the first option, 'Filter all direct messages.' This will make sure that everything that is sent to your child is reviewed and protected. Any selection you make will be saved automatically.
7. Below this section is 'Server Privacy Defaults' which allows Direct Messages from server members. By turning this off or on, a pop-up will ask if the change should be applied to other servers your child is apart of, as well.
8. Scroll to Activity Status. You can choose to turn this off or leave it on. Depending on your child's use of the social app, this may be a good time to revisit the importance of online privacy.
9. Next, you'll see 'Message Requests' - turn this off to disable message requests from server members your child may not know personally.
10. Continue down the rest of the Privacy & Safety page, unselect the boxes you do not want to prevent users from adding your child as a friend, based on mutual servers, friends or 'everyone'.
11. Go back to 'Settings' and click on 'Account.' Ensure that any personal information has been removed and is not displayed.

12. Scroll down to Multi-Factor Authentication to set up Two-Factor Authentication for an added level of privacy.
13. Go back to 'Settings' and click on 'Friend Requests' and deselect all three. This can help stop anyone who may target your child through their friend's list or servers on Discord.

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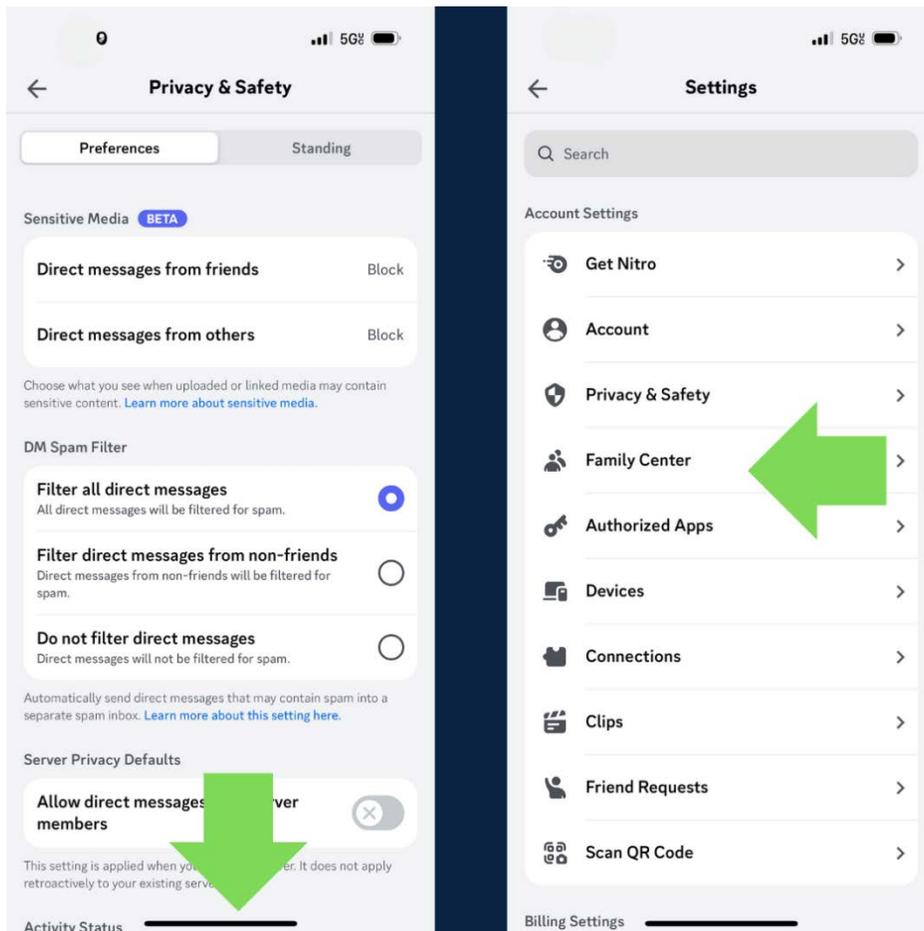
We strongly suggest setting up and monitoring a Family Center for social apps with your child/children. Having a healthy conversation about the internet and the risks that come with it can help keep them and their friends safe from very real dangers.
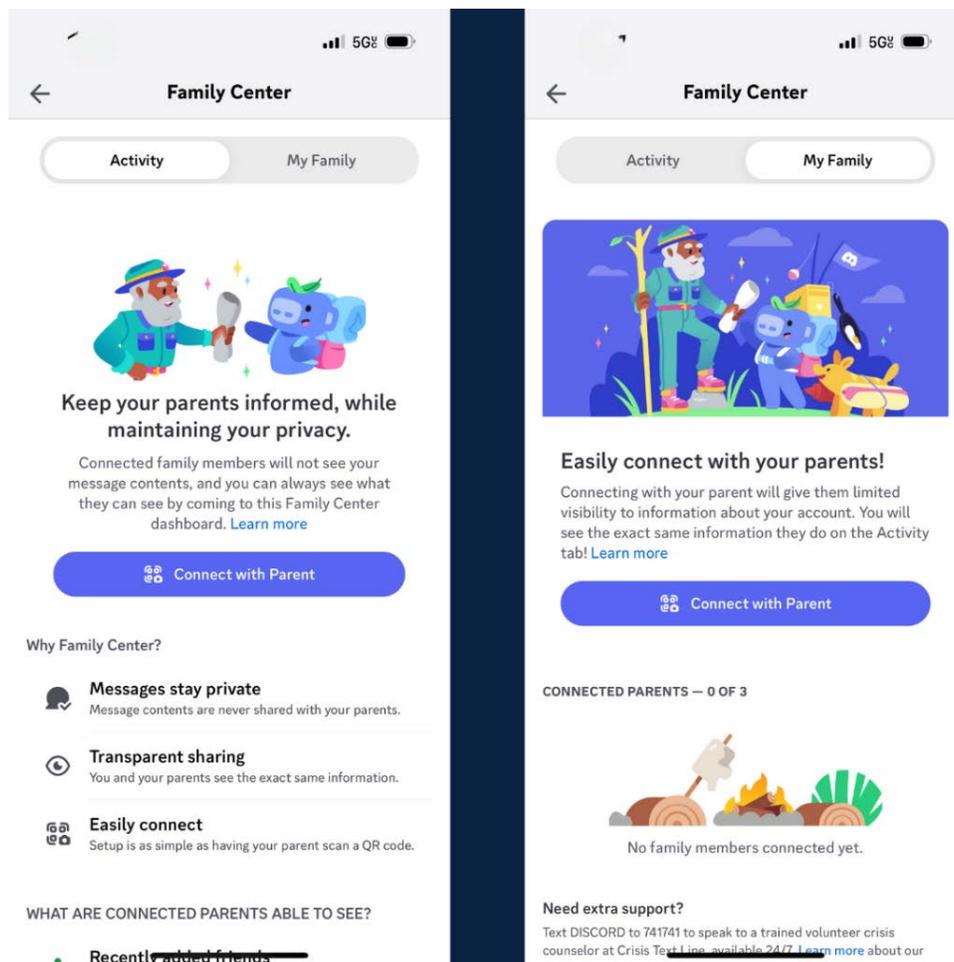
Notes:

Servers: *Servers are communities or friend groups on Discord. These groups are typically smaller or invitation-only but can grow if they are public. Any user can start a server, or group, for free and invite their friends to join it.*

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