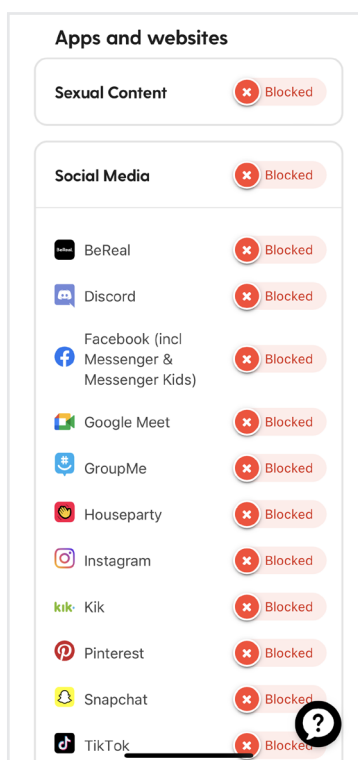# CONNECT & PROTECT

Bark for Android Phones
your easy guide to parental controls

What you'll need: A good WiFi connection, your C Spire account username and password, your phone, and your kid's phone.

1. Create your Bark account

- On the *parent's phone*, **sign into your C Spire wireless account**, and add the free **Bark Jr.** plan under "*Manage Plans & Features*"
- Enter your email address and complete checkout
- Look for an email from Bark and tap "*Set up my account*"
- Select areas of concern for your kid, create their Bark profile, select their devices, and set up parental alerts
- Go to the **Setup Checklist**, set up parental controls, tap "*Android Screen Time*" under **Remaining Tasks** on the Dashboard
  - *Note: There are multiple categories and dropdown menus — we recommend scrolling through and blocking all (see pictured)*

Apps and websites

Sexual Content	❌ Blocked
Social Media	❌ Blocked
BeReal	❌ Blocked
Discord	❌ Blocked
Facebook (incl Messenger & Messenger Kids)	❌ Blocked
Google Meet	❌ Blocked
GroupMe	❌ Blocked
Houseparty	❌ Blocked
Instagram	❌ Blocked
Kik	❌ Blocked
Pinterest	❌ Blocked
Snapchat	❌ Blocked
TikTok	❌ Blocked

2. Set up the Bark apps

- Follow the prompts to download **Bark for Kids** on *your kid's phone* at **bark.us/android**.
  - *Camera not scanning the QR code? Type the URL into the browser on your kid's device instead You may see a warning that the file could be harmful — tap "Download Anyway"*
- On *your phone*, download **Bark Parental Controls** app from the app store and sign in
- Sign into the **Bark for Kids** app on *their phone* using the device code from your screen and tap "*Get Started*"
  - *Don't see a device code? Select "More" in the Bark Parental Controls app and tap "Get Device Code"*
- On your kid's device, tap *"Open Settings"*, find *Private DNS* under Network settings and turn it off, and find **Accessibility** and enable it for the Bark app
- Accept all permissions and agree to the VPN connection when prompted
- Check that your parental control settings were pushed to your kid's device
  - *If you used our recommended restrictions, apps like browsers, streaming services and the Google Play store shouldn't be accessible*

Note: Prompts may vary slightly based on your Android device model

*Need help finding your username and password? Go to **cspire.com**, tap Sign In and "Forgot Username or Password," or "Create an Account" if you don't have one*

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