

PlayStation 3 (PS3)

Controls & Settings guide

PlayStation 3 (PS3) parental controls allow you to restrict games and Blu-Rays (BD)/DVDs with mature content, the use of the internet browser and how your child can chat and interact on the PlayStation Network.

What do I need?

Access to the PlayStation 3 console and a PlayStation account

Restrictions you can apply



Browser Access



Chatting



Game Ratings



Inappropriate content



Online games



Privacy and identity theft

Step by Step instructions

These steps were recreated on the PlayStation 3 games console:

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1. How to set a parental controls password

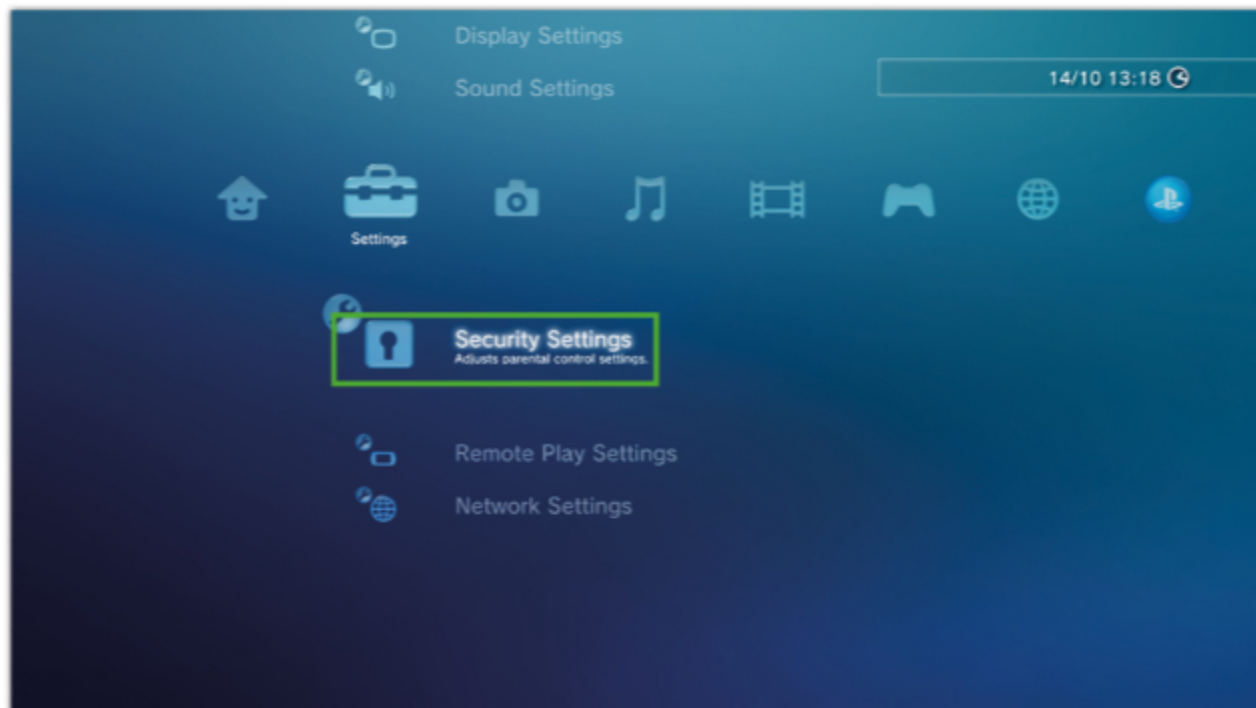
Before setting up PlayStation 3 parental controls, it's a good idea to set a password/passcode that only you know. Otherwise, your child may change the controls you set up.

To set a password:

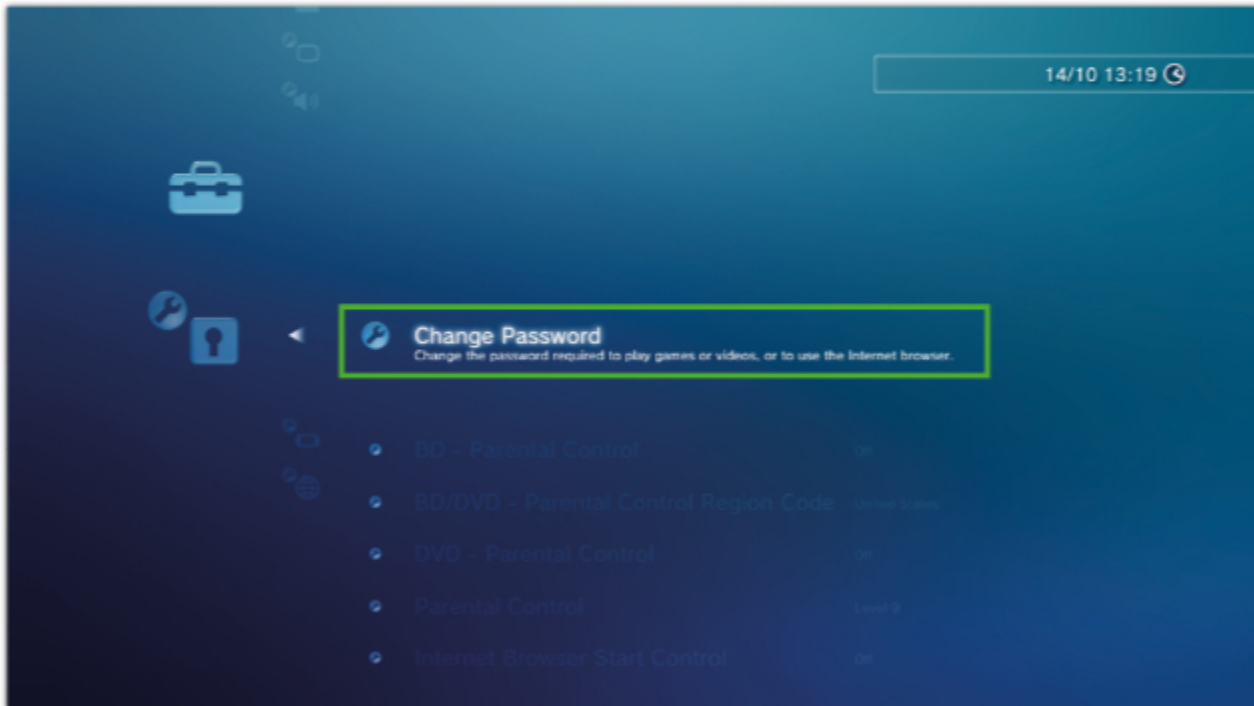
Step 1 – From the **main menu** on your PS3, navigate to the **Settings** icon and then scroll down to **Security Settings** .

Step 2 – Select **Change Password** . Enter your **current password** , which is 0000 by default. Enter your **new 4-digit password** and **confirm** .

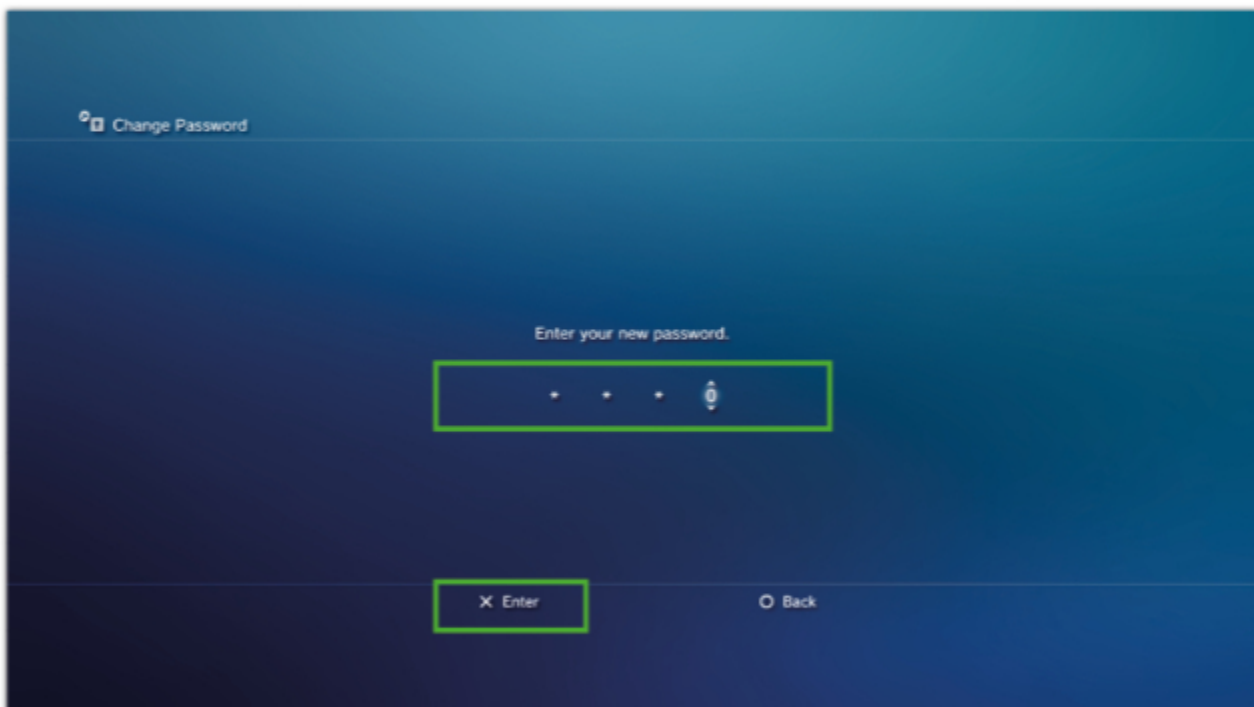
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2. Set content level for games

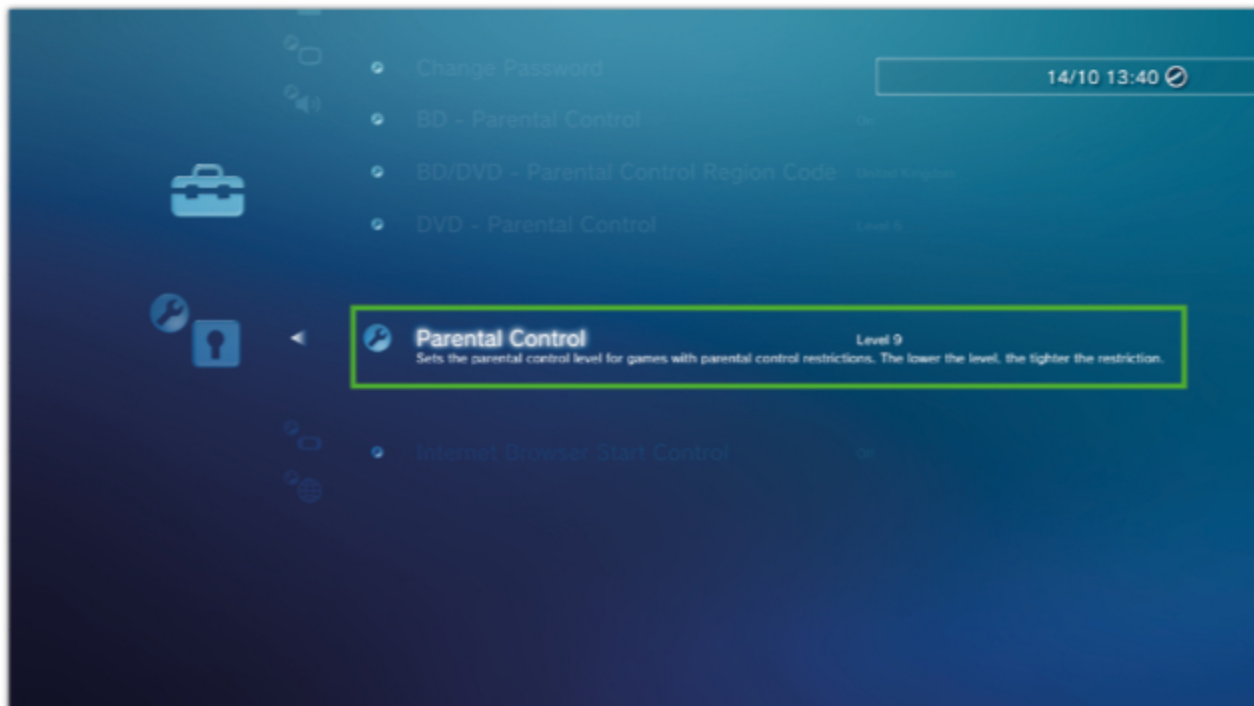
To limit what kinds of games your child can play on PlayStation 3, you can set content levels.

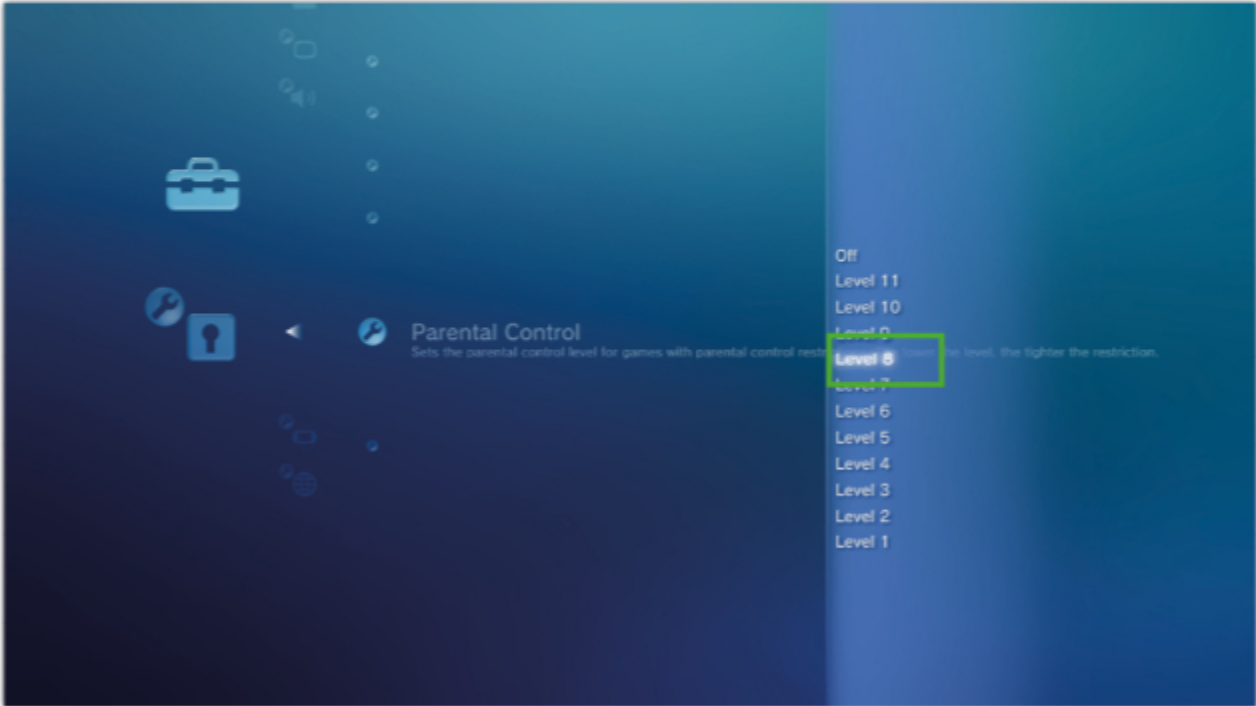
To set game content levels:

Step 1 – In the **Security Settings** menu, scroll down to and select **Parental Control**. Enter your **PIN/password**.

Step 2 – **Set the overall level** of content you would like active on the console. Lower levels mean tighter restrictions.

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3. What do PS3 parental control levels mean?

When setting content restrictions for games, DVDs and Blu-Ray, you will see numbers. However, this can be confusing without explanation for what they mean.

Generally, the lower the level, the tighter the restrictions. Because there are different ratings systems around the world like PEGI, ESRB and GRAC to name a few, the PlayStation console uses it's own levels.

Approximate age equivalents

Level 1 – 0-years-old

Level 2 – 3-years-old

Level 3 – 6-years-old

Level 4 – 10-years-old

Level 5 – 12-years-old

Level 6 – in between 12- and 15-years-old

Level 7 – 15-years-old

Level 8 – 17-years-old

Level 9 – 18-years-old

Levels 10 & 11 – over 18

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Parental control level	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Approximate age of user	0	3	6	10	12	-	13	17	18	-	-
North America/Central America and South America*											
Europe/Africa/India											
Germany											
South Africa											
Australia											
New Zealand											
Russia											
Kingdom of Saudi Arabia											
United Arab Emirates											
Japan											
Korea											
Taiwan											
Singapore	General										
WARC											
Brazil*											

Source: PlayStation PS4 manuals

4. Blu-Ray and DVD Parental Controls

If your child or family uses the PlayStation 3 to watch Blu-rays (BD) or DVDs, you can set parental controls to limit which content they view.

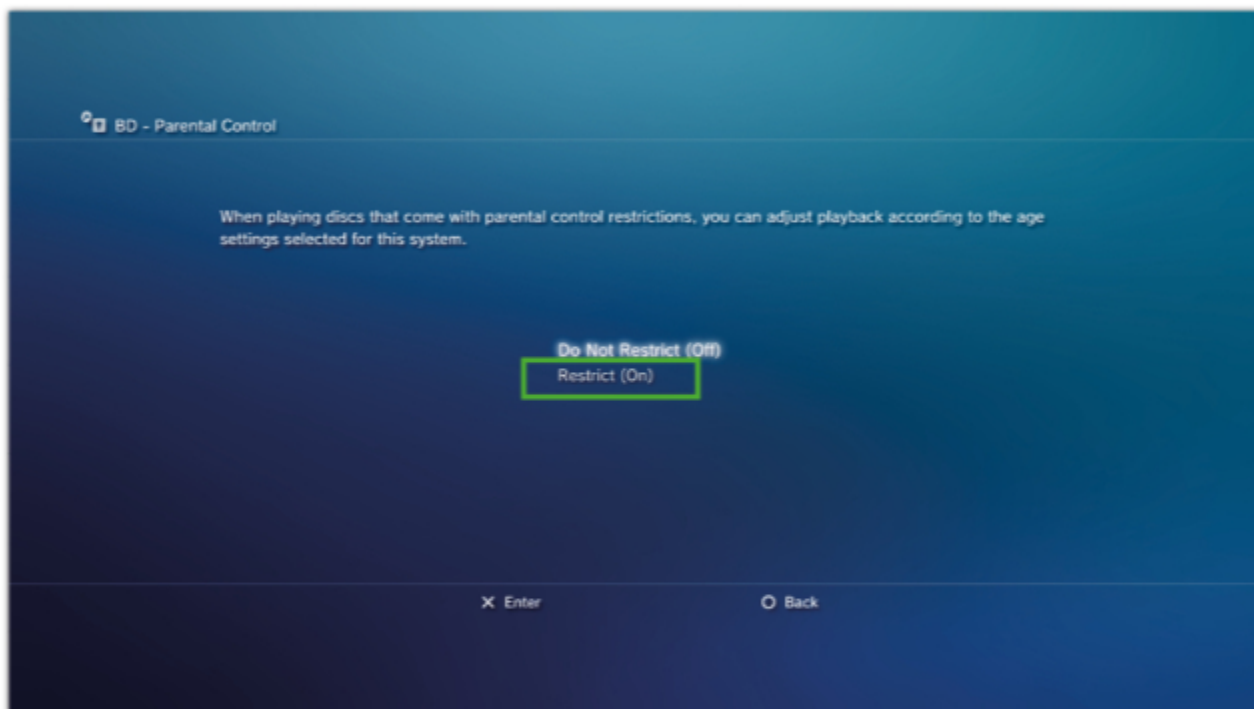
To set up BD and DVD controls:

Step 1 – In the **Security Settings** menu, scroll down to and select **BD – Parental Control**. When prompted, enter your **PIN/password**. Restrict Blu-Ray Disc playback **by age** on supporting Blu-Ray Discs by turning it **ON** and selecting **the age**. **Confirm** your selection.

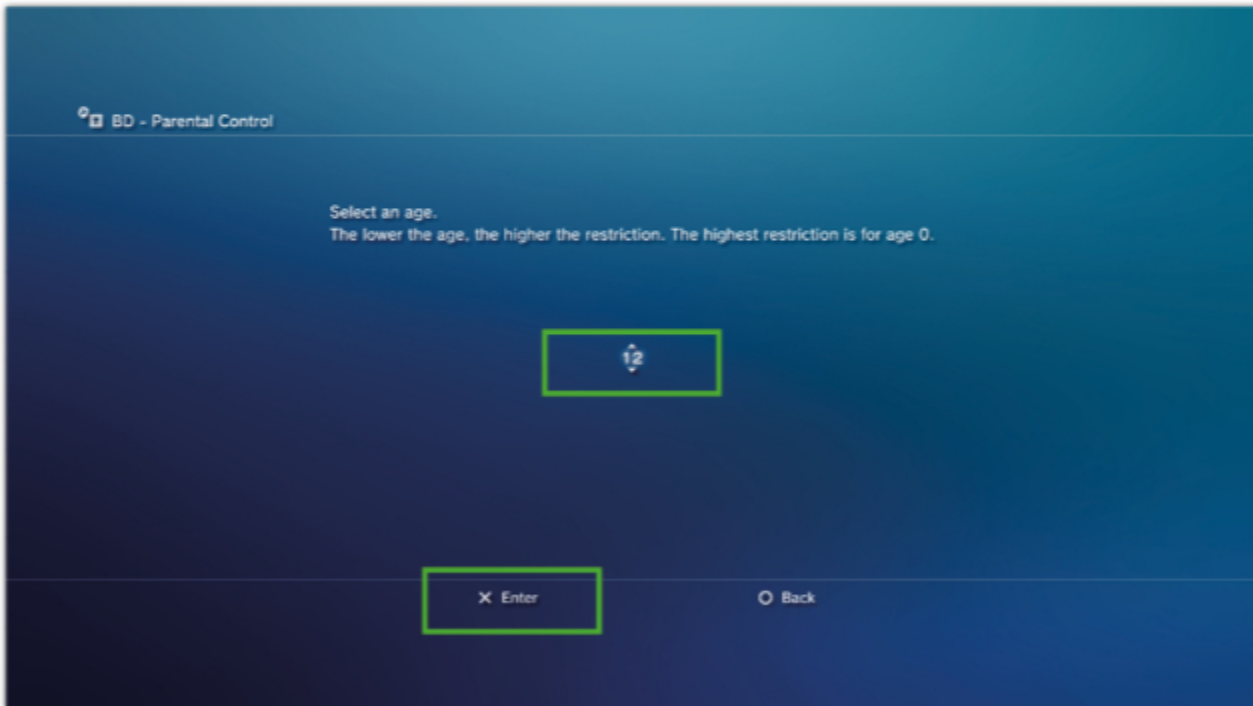
Step 2 – Return to **Security Settings** and scroll down to and select **BD/DVD – Parental Control Region Code** then enter your **PIN/password**. Set your **region** to allow the system to use age ratings relevant to your region. **Confirm** your selection.

Step 3 – Return to **Security Settings**. Scroll down to and select **DVD – Parental Control**, then enter your **PIN/password**. Set the **level of restriction** on DVD playback. Lower levels mean tighter restrictions.

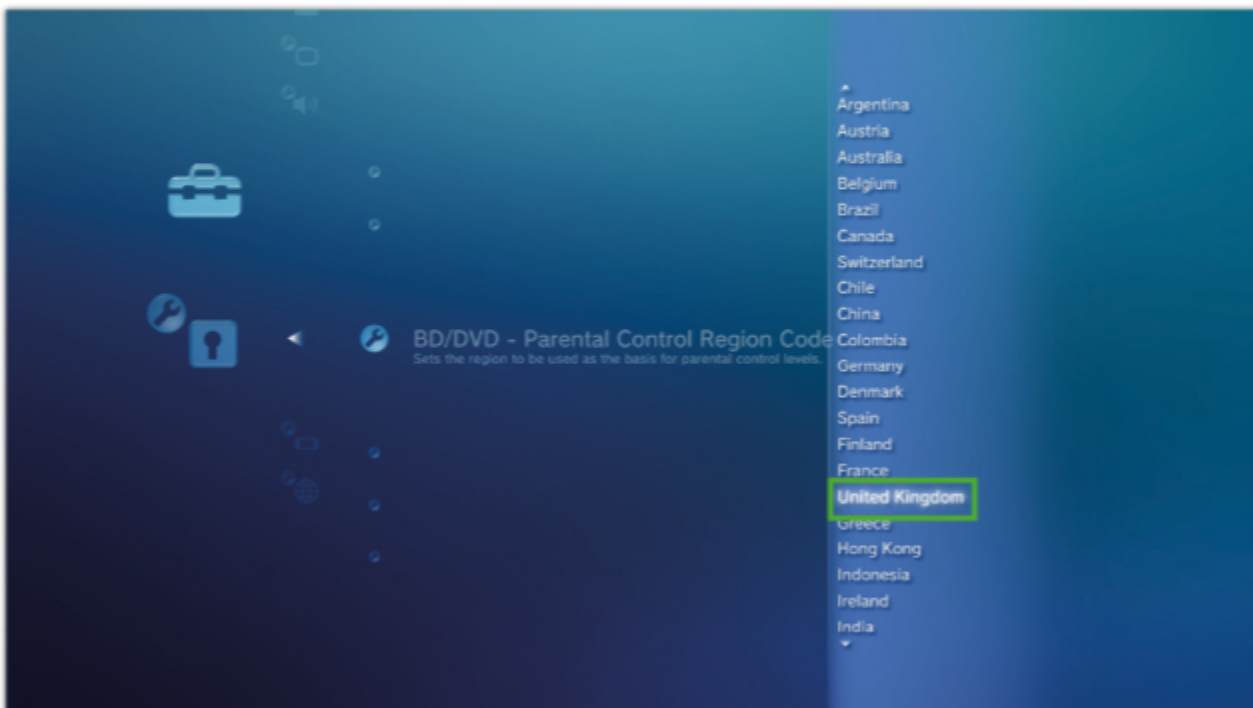
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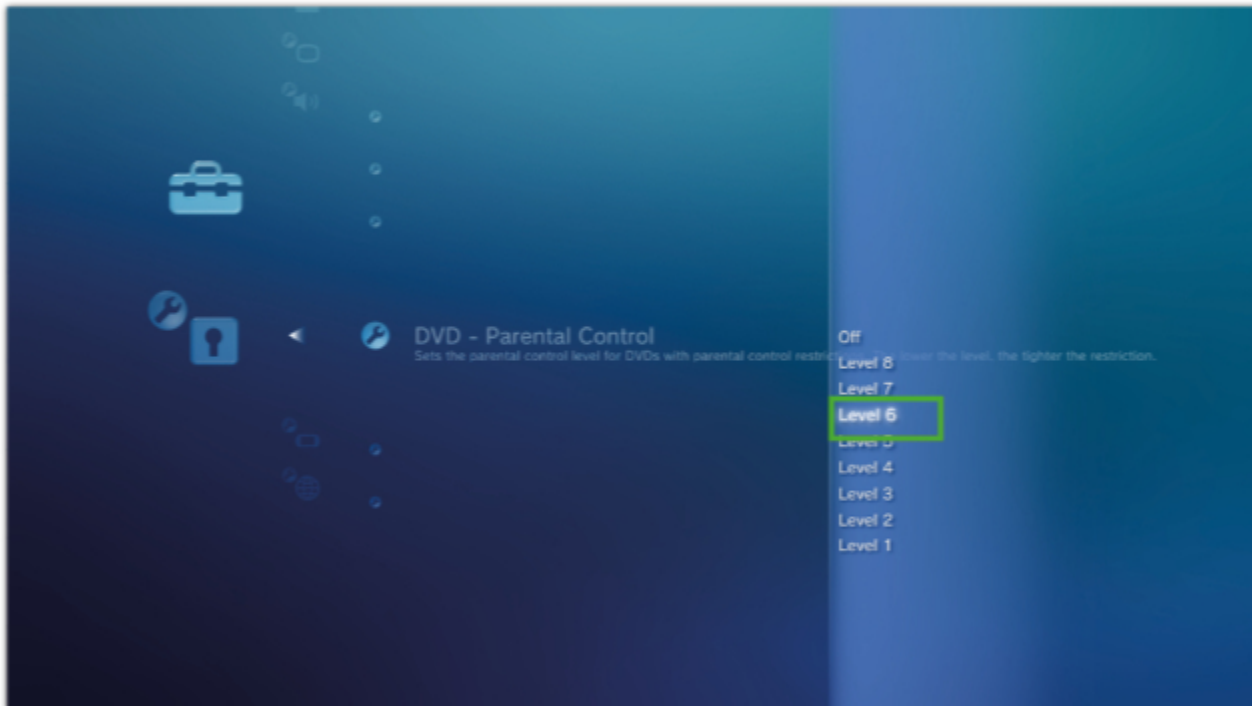


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5. Deactivate the PS3 browser

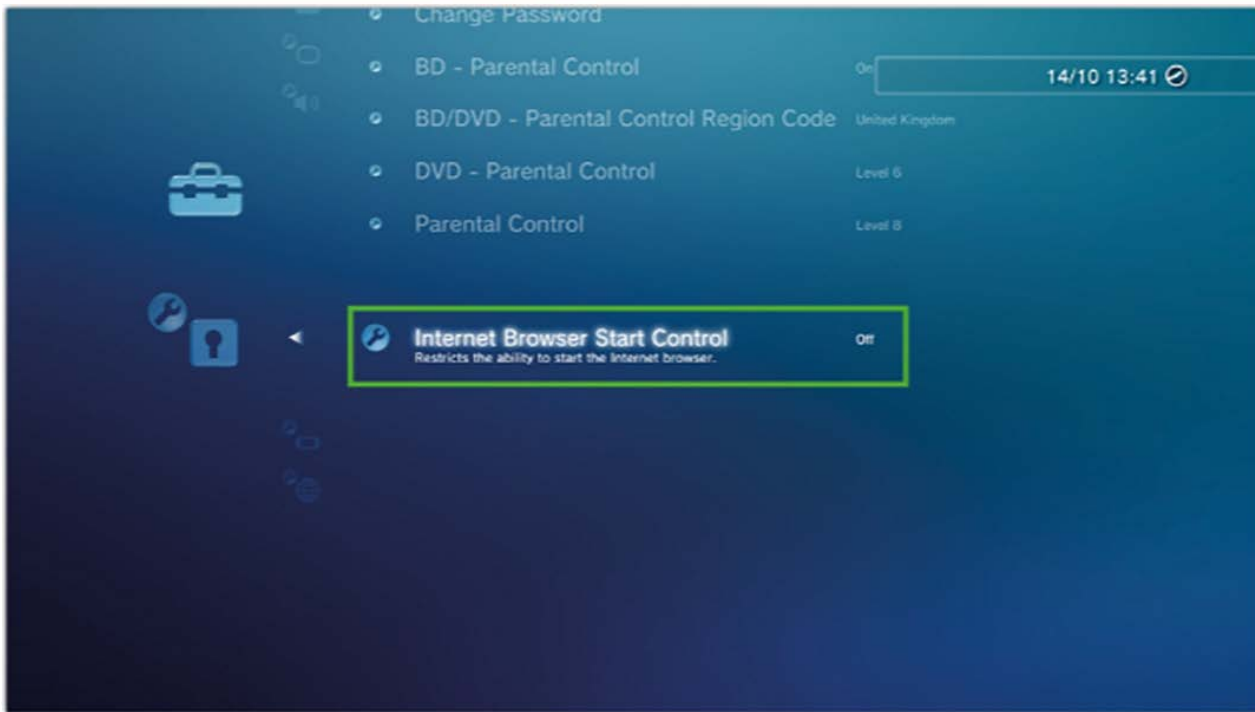
To limit what kind of content your child can access or how they use their PlayStation 3, you can deactivate the system browser.

To deactivate the browser:

Step 1 – In the **Security Settings** menu, scroll down to and select **Internet Browser Start Control**. Enter your **PIN/password**.

Step 2 – Turn the browser **OFF**.

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