

PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds Parent Guide

Everything you need
to know about the
popular online game

Age Rating: 16+



What is it?

PlayerUnknown's Battlegrounds (or '**PUBG**') is a popular battle royale-style game available for console and mobile devices. It's compatible with almost all gaming platforms.

PUBG regularly has **millions** of users, as it is both **free-to-play** and very accessible. The game features **realistic** and engaging battles with many other players.

Users can play solo in a free-for-all or work in small teams – ideal for individuals or **groups of friends**.

In the game, up to 100 players are dropped into a designated combat zone. As this zone intermittently shrinks, players collect weapons as they eliminate each other.

Unlike Fortnite's more cartoon graphics, PUBG offers **more realistic visuals**.

What are the risks?

PUBG is free to play, but players can **purchase** cosmetic 'skins' and customisations through loot boxes or other microtransactions. Be aware that children may feel pressure to spend money in-game, and that loot boxes can lead to gambling-like behaviours.

The game has both **voice** and **text chat** options. Keep in mind that your children could encounter aggressive

messages or offensive language, which can be especially difficult to deal with over voice chat.

Although PUBG doesn't feature extreme graphic violence, there are some **violent elements**.

While PUBG has an age-rating of **16+** and prompts players to confirm their age, younger users can bypass this quite easily.

Are there any safety settings?

Players can be **reported** or **blocked** after each match by selecting the offending player's name in the lobby, or by accessing 'Recent Players' under the 'Invite' tab. **Moderators** review these reports and act accordingly.

If you're worried about your child's spending, consider setting up a **password** or **PIN code** for any linked bank accounts. Talk to them about the **pressure** to spend and the risks of microtransactions.

What else should I know?

When it comes to **abusive language**, remind your child that (alongside reporting players) they can always come to you about something they've heard.

Finally, it's worth noting that PUBG is highly accessible, and can be **entertaining** and **rewarding** when played with both friends and strangers alike.