

What Bark Monitors on the Different Platforms

What we monitor on Android devices, Apple devices, Amazon devices, and computers



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Bark monitors it!


























Not applicable on this platform.



Bark is unable to monitor this functionality because of limited access granted to third parties.

		Android	iPhone	Kindle Fire	Mac / PC / Chromebook
	Ask.fm	✓	✓	✓	✓
	AOL Email	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Comcast Email	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Chrome	✓	✓	✓	✓ <small>* requires extension</small>
	Dropbox	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Facebook	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Flickr	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Gmail	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Google Drive	✓	✓	✓	✓
	GroupMe	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Hangouts	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Houseparty (messages)	✓	✗	✓	✗
	iCloud Email	✓	✓	✓	✓
	iOS Notes	N/A	✓	N/A	✓

	Instagram	✓	✓	✓	✓
	• Images	✓	✓	✓	✓
	• Videos	✓	✓	✓	✓
	• Direct messages	✓	✗	✓	✗
	• Searches	✓	✗	✓	✓
	Kik	✓	✓	✓	N/A
	• Messages	✓	✓	✓	
	• Attachments	✗	✓	✗	
	Kidzworld	✓	✓	✓	✓
	LiveMe	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Messenger Kids	✓	✗	✓	N/A
	OneDrive	✓	✓	✓	✓
	OneNote	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Outlook	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Phone/Tablet <i>(Photos and videos)</i>	✓	✓	✓	N/A
	Pinterest	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Reddit	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Safari <i>(Web browsing)</i>	N/A	✓	N/A	✗
	Silk <i>(Web browsing)</i>	N/A	N/A	✓	N/A
	Slack	✓	✓	✓	✓
	SnapChat	✓	✓	✓	N/A
	• Private messages	✓	✗	✓	
	• Stories	✗	✓	✗	
	Spotify	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Text Messages	✓	✓	N/A	Covered through device
	TikTok	✓	✗	✓	N/A
	Tumblr	✓	✓	✓	✓
	Twitter	✓	✓	✓	✓
	WhatsApp	✓	✓	✓	N/A

• Messages	✓	✓	✓	
• Attachments	✗	✓	✗	
 Yahoo! Mail	✓	✓	✓	✓
 YouTube	✓	✓	✓	✓
• Posted videos	✓	✓	✓	✓
• Subscriptions	✓	✓	✓	✓
• Comments	✓	✓	✓	✓
• Searches	✓	✗	✗	✓ <small>* requires extension</small>
• Views	✓	✗	✗	✓ <small>* requires extension</small>

A Closer Look:

Amazon Fire Tablets

Bark monitors photos, videos, Silk web browsing, and many installed apps, including, Instagram, TikTok, WhatsApp, and Kik. Bark also monitors your child's Amazon Fire device location with [check-ins](#).



[Connect an Amazon Fire for monitoring](#)

Android Devices

Bark monitors text messages (including deleted ones!), photos, videos, web browsing (including Incognito mode on the Chrome browser/app), and many installed apps, including Snapchat, Instagram, YouTube, TikTok, WhatsApp, and Kik. Bark also monitors your child's Android device location with [check-ins](#).



[Connect an Android device for monitoring](#)

iOS Devices (iPhone, iPad, iPod)

Bark monitors text messages/iMessages (including some deleted messages!), photos, videos, notes, web browsing (on Safari and Chrome), and Whatsapp. Any other email and social media accounts must be connected via [the parent dashboard](#) and will be monitored at the account level, regardless if they're accessed on a phone, tablet, or a computer. Bark also monitors your child's Apple device location with [check-ins](#).



Connect an iOS device for monitoring

PC, Mac, and Chromebooks

You can install Bark on the Google Chrome web browser of your child's PC, Chromebook, or Mac, so any activity they have on Chrome, like web browsing (including Incognito Mode) and web searches will be monitored for potential issues.



Add the Bark Chrome extension

If your child has a Chromebook, you may also be able to monitor the saved photos and videos on their Chromebook by downloading the Bark for Chromebook app from the Google Play Store.

Connect a Chromebook for Monitoring

Social Media and Email Services

Below you'll find the details of what we monitor on particular social media and email platforms.

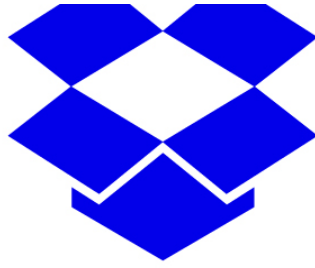
Connect email & social media for monitoring

Ask.Fm: Bark monitors the questions and comments your child asks and the answers they receive, as well as the questions and comments they are asked and the answers they post.



Dropbox: Bark will monitor the content of documents and files stored in the cloud.

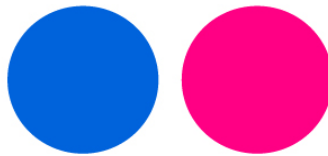




Facebook: Bark monitors what is posted on your child's wall.



Flickr: Bark monitors the photos your child posts as wells comments on them.



Gmail: Bark monitors the emails your child sends and receives, including attachments and chats.



Google Drive: Bark monitors the documents your child creates and ones that are shared to their Google Drive, including document comments, document comment replies, photos, and videos.





GroupMe: Bark monitors your child's group messages and private messages, including images and media associated with each.



Houseparty: On Android, Bark now also monitors Houseparty Notes. These are the messages passed between users while inside the app.



Instagram: Bark monitors the images/videos your child posts and comments on those posts. Bark can also monitor Instagram direct messages (*text chat only*) and searches on connected Android and Amazon devices. Instagram does not allow external access to private messages on iOS.

Here's how you can help us and other parents across the globe:

- [Tweet them](#). "Hey @Instagram, please open your direct message API to the good guys at @barktechco so they can keep my children safer online!"
- Message their support team directly from the app. Click on your profile photo circle at the bottom right > Click the settings gear at the top right > Scroll down to "Report a problem" > Click "General Feedback" > Type in your request for Instagram to open up their Direct Messaging API to @Bark.us so we can keep your children safer online > Send). Watch a [video tutorial for this here](#).



Kidzworld: Bark monitors forum posts and comments, chat room messages, and private messages between users.



Kik: For iOS users bark can monitor your child's messages and message attachments (if available). Bark can monitor Kik messages for Android and Amazon device users.



LiveMe: Bark monitors your child's chats and direct messages (DMs).



OneDrive: Bark monitors files and documents within OneDrive.



Pinterest: Bark monitors your child's profile, the images, and descriptions that they pin.





Reddit: Bark monitors your child's submissions, comments, and private messages. This includes replies to their comments, which on Reddit come in as private messages.



Slack: Bark monitors private messages, private messages between multiple parties, and private channels.



Snapchat: We can monitor Snapchat private messages (*text chat only*) on Android devices. On iPhone and iPad, Bark monitors Stories (*images, videos, and text*). Snapchat doesn't allow external access to private messages, so we cannot monitor direct messages on iOS devices (*and neither can any other monitoring service!*). We're continually working to be able to monitor Snapchat more holistically on iOS.

In the meantime, here's what you can do to help that happen faster:

- Tweet them. ("Hey @snapchatsupport, please open your DM API to the good guys like @barktechco so they can keep my children safer online!")
- Message their support team. ("Report a safety concern" > "Someone else's Snapchat account" > "YES" > "I'm worried about this user's safety" > "YES" > fill out information > SEND).



Spotify: Bark monitors your child's recently played songs and analyzes lyrics for potential issues.



TikTok: Bark can monitor TikTok chats (*text chat only*) for Android and Amazon device users. We're continually working to be able to monitor TikTok on iOS.



Tumblr: Bark monitors answers, chats, links, photos, photo posts, quotes, and blog posts.



Twitter: Bark monitors your child's Twitter accounts postings, replies, and even direct messages.

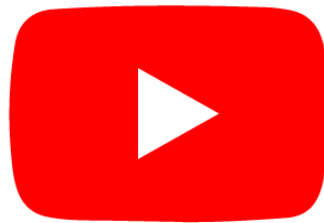


WhatsApp: For iOS users, Bark can monitor your child's messages and attachments. Bark can monitor WhatsApp messages for Android and Amazon device users.



YouTube: Bark monitors the videos your child posts, comments made to those videos, and new videos posted to your child's user and channel subscriptions. Bark can also monitor YouTube views and searches only on [connected Android devices](#) and computers with the [Bark Chrome extension](#) (and even on incognito mode!).

YouTube does have content blocking abilities under their parental controls and settings! You can check out [our blog post](#) on this for more information.



Bark is an award-winning service that monitors texts, emails, YouTube, and 24+ different social media platforms for signs of potential issues like cyberbullying, adult content, online predators, drug use, self-harm, depression, suicidal ideation and more.

While Bark isn't a substitute for thoughtful parenting or ongoing conversations about using technology, it's a great safety net and an essential toolkit for parenting in a digital age. Click below to sign up for a free, one-week trial!

[Sign up for Bark here!](#)

Need help or have additional questions?

We know, this is a lot of information to take in. If you'd like additional assistance, [reach out to us](#), and we'll be happy to make keeping your kids safe online less of a headache!

Did this answer your question?



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