



## Safe Zones School & Family Setup Instructions

Helpful step-by-step videos are available on our You Tube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@MobileSafeZones/shorts>

Setup for both Parent and Child phones will take approximately 15-30 minutes after Apple Family Sharing has been set up.

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## 1) Apple Family Sharing setup

First and foremost, ensure that you are set up as a family on Apple Family Sharing with both parents and minor children's phones (children 17 and younger). [Follow Apple instructions here.](#)

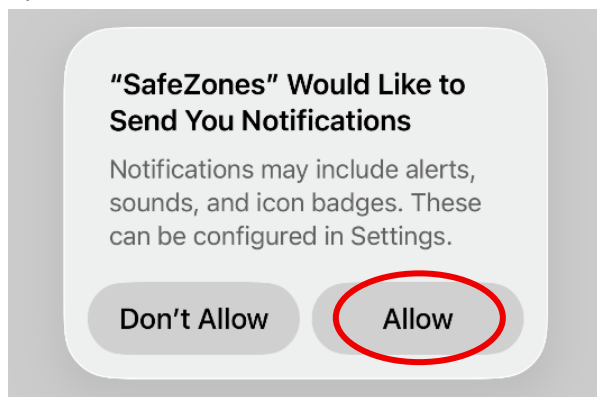
## 2) Mobile Safe Zones download and Family Setup

### PARENT PHONE INSTRUCTIONS

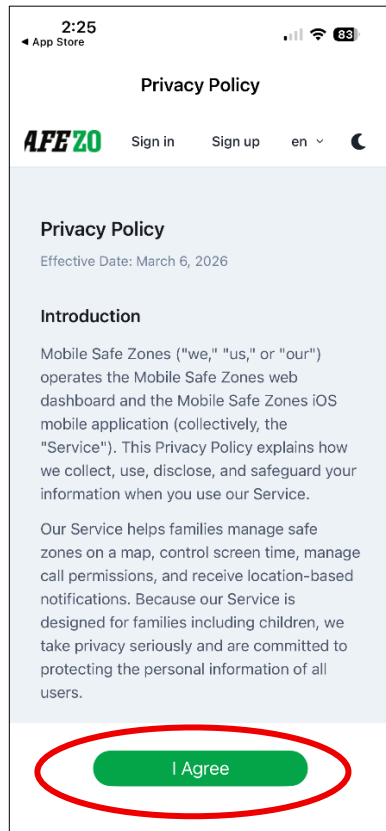
Download the MSZ App from the App Store and choose one of the Free Trial or payment options and associated sign-in.

You will receive a few prompts to properly configure the Safe Zones' system:

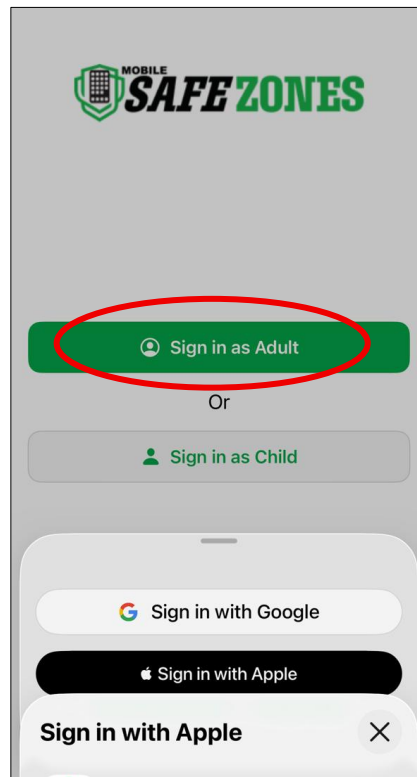
- 1) Send notifications: select 'Allow'



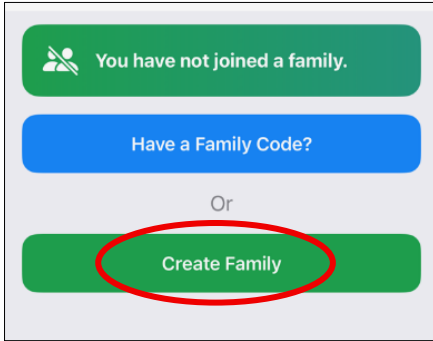
## 2) Agree to Privacy Policy



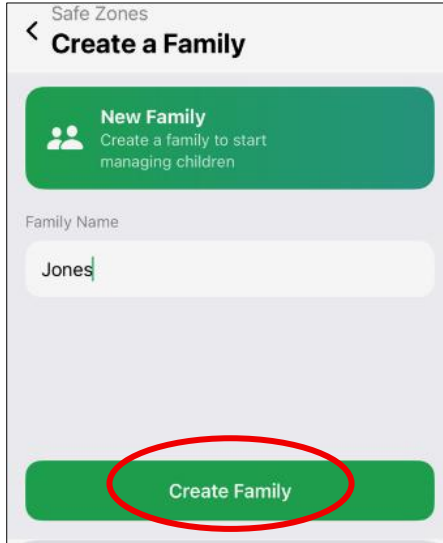
## 3) 'Sign in as Adult' using your Apple sign-in credentials Tap your name to show check mark



4) Create your MSZ Family

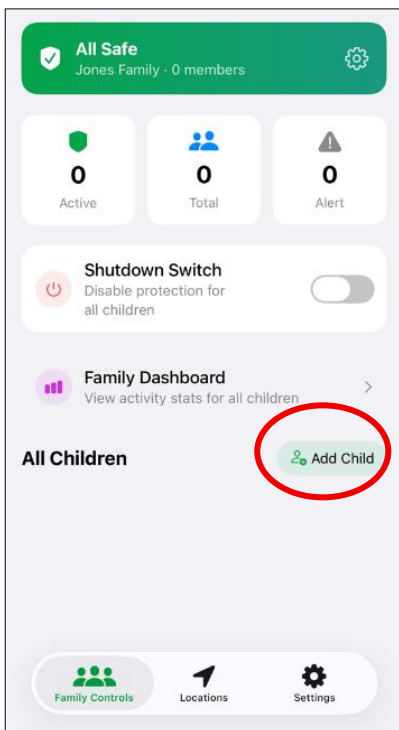


5) Name your MSZ Family

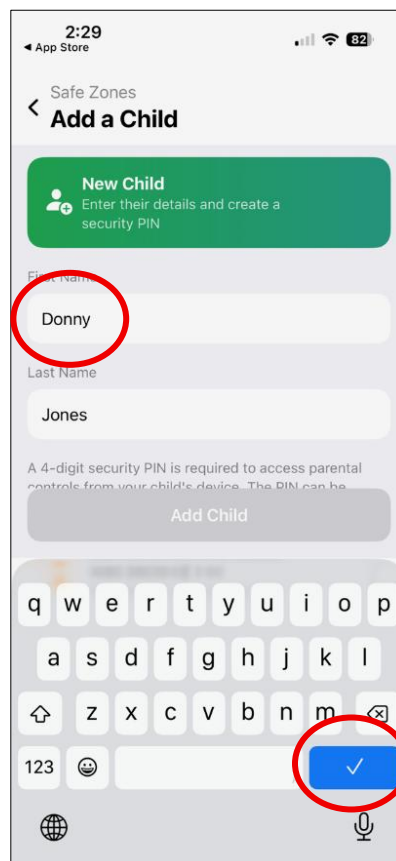


6) Choose your Free Trial or Subscription

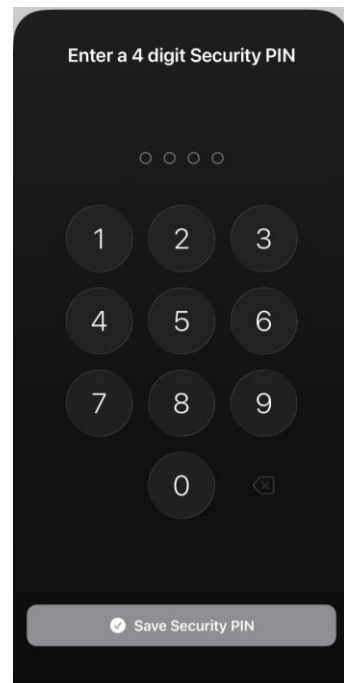
7) Select 'Add Child'



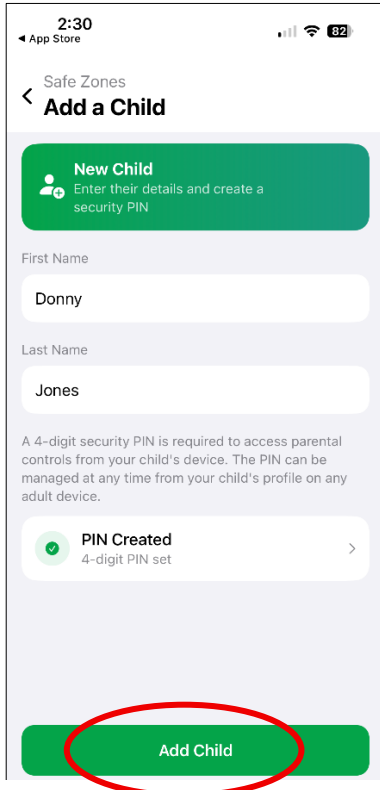
8) Enter name and tap check mark



9) Set security PIN (twice) and save

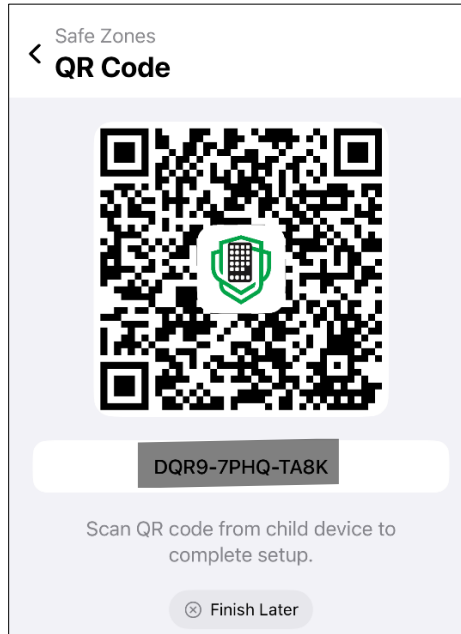


10) Select 'Add a Child'



11) A QR code will appear on the Parent phone. **This will be used to pair with your child's phone (step 15 below).**

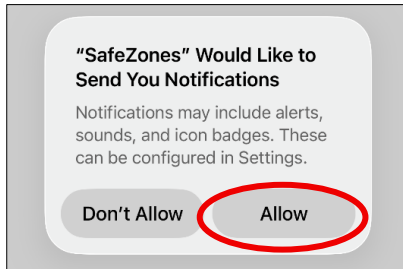
QR code will remain active for 30 minutes.



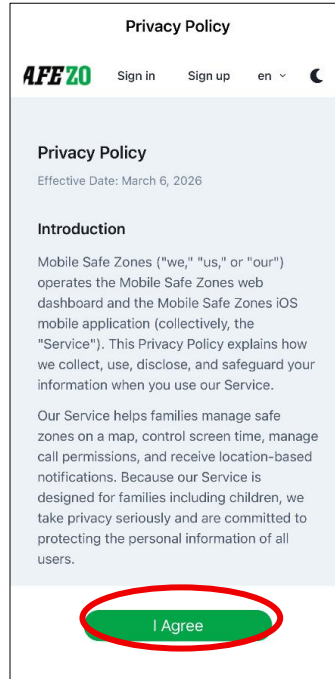
12) Go to your child's phone.

## CHILD PHONE INSTRUCTIONS

13) Download MSZ App from App store and allow notifications.



14) Agree to Privacy Policy



15)

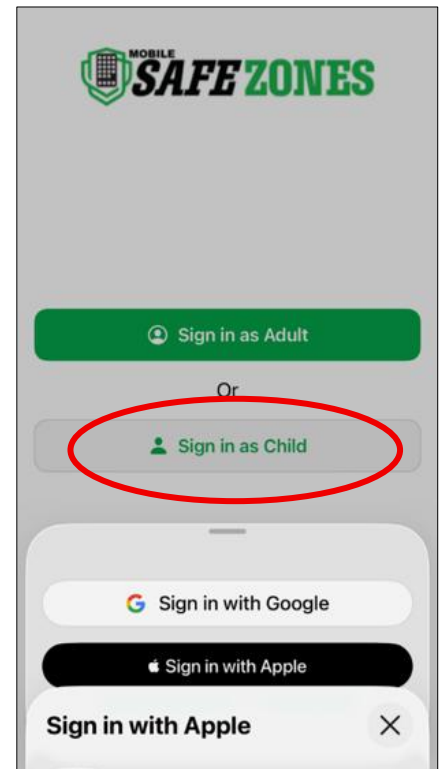
Select 'Sign in as Child'

Select 'Scan QR Code'

Select 'Allow camera'

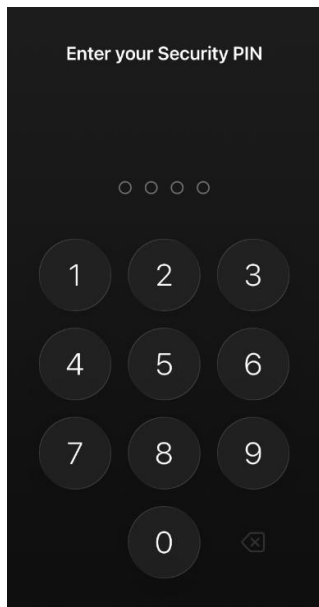
Scan the QR code shown on Parent's phone.

This connects parent and child on the MSZ system.

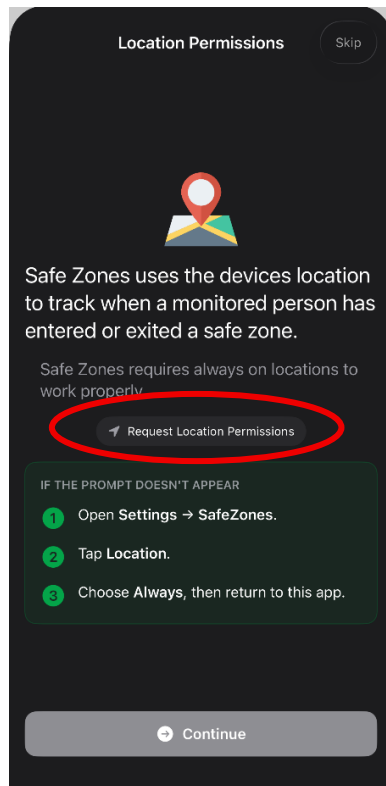


You may need to refresh QR code on the Parent's phone.

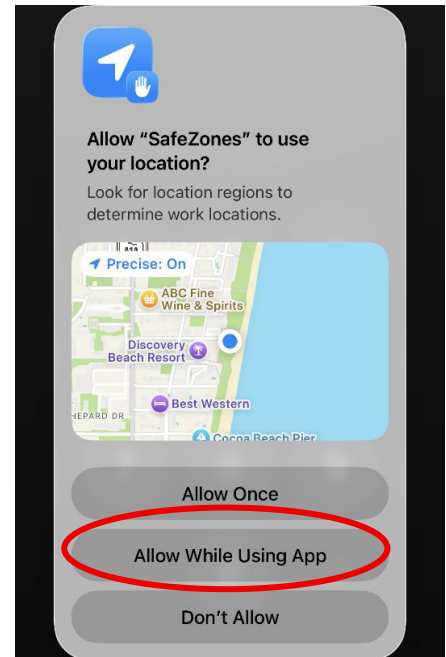
16) Enter Parent security PIN



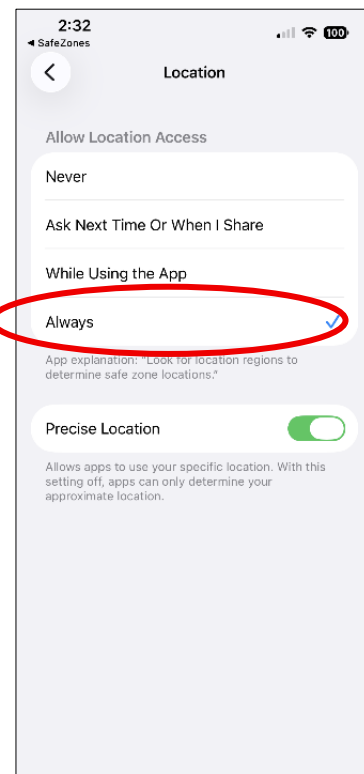
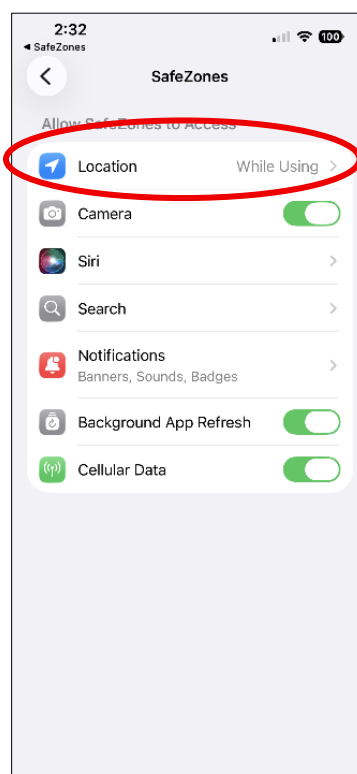
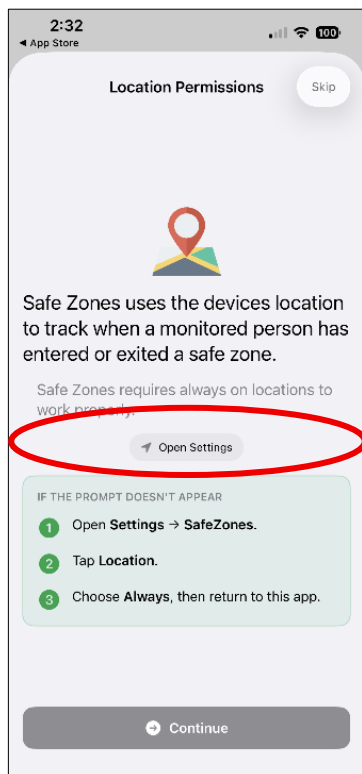
17) Tap 'Request Location Permissions'



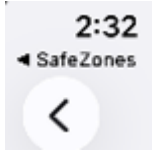
18) Safe Zones location: Tap 'Allow while using App'



19) Location Permissions screen: Tap 'Open Settings', select 'Location' and chose 'Always'



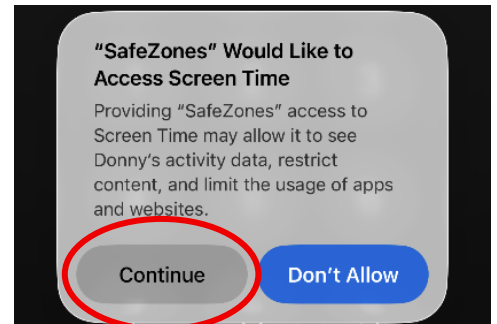
20) To proceed, click on back arrow at upper left corner (underneath the clock). Re-enter Parent PIN



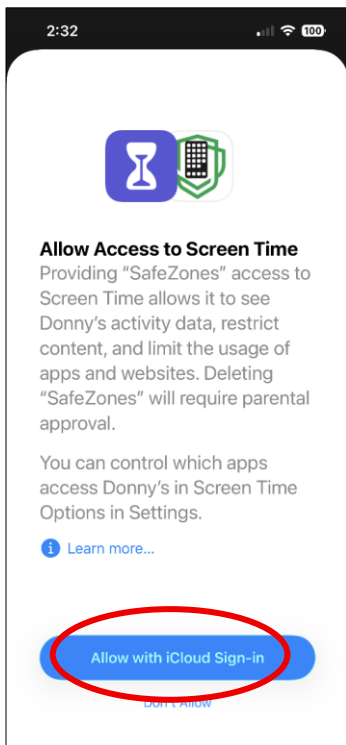
21) Tap 'Request Family Controls'



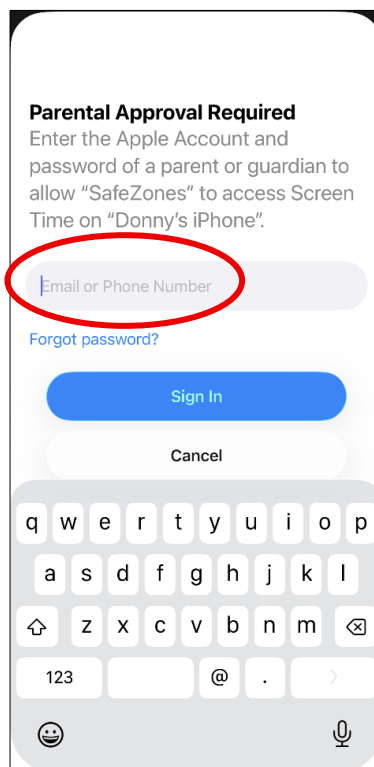
22) Select 'Continue' for 'Safe Zones Would Like to Access Screen Time'



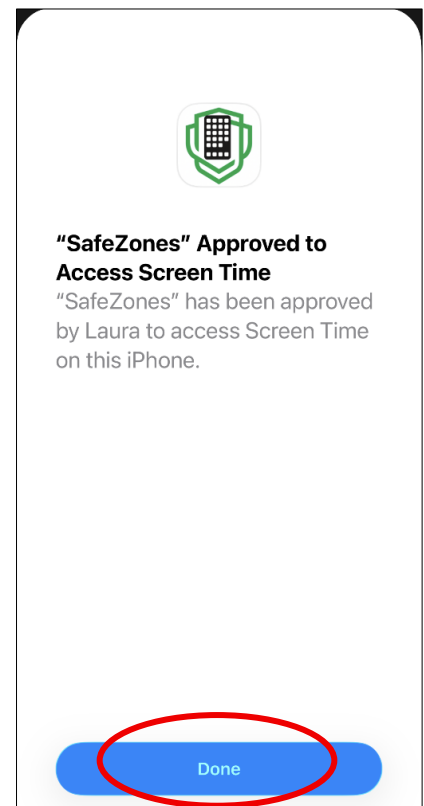
23) Select 'Allow with iCloud Sign-in' for Allow Access to Screen Time



24) Enter parent Apple credentials for Parental Approval Required and Sign In



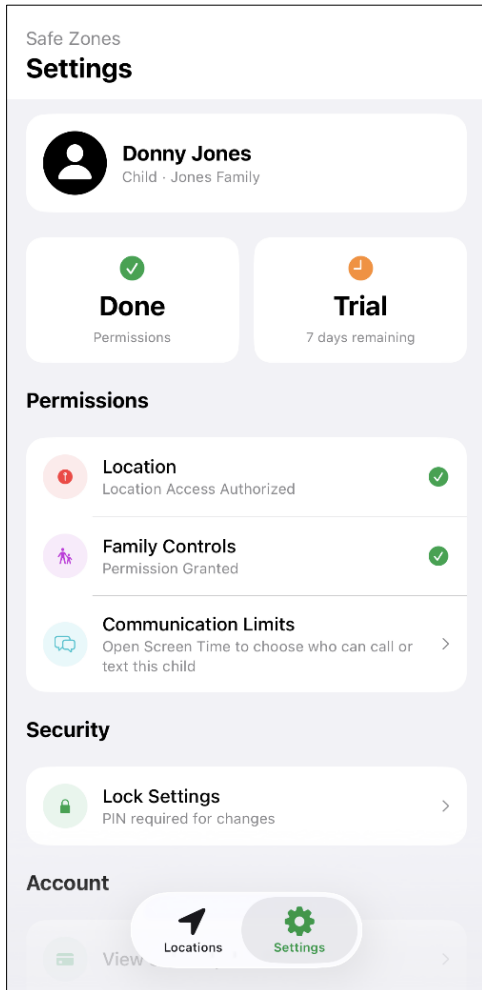
CONGRATULATIONS!



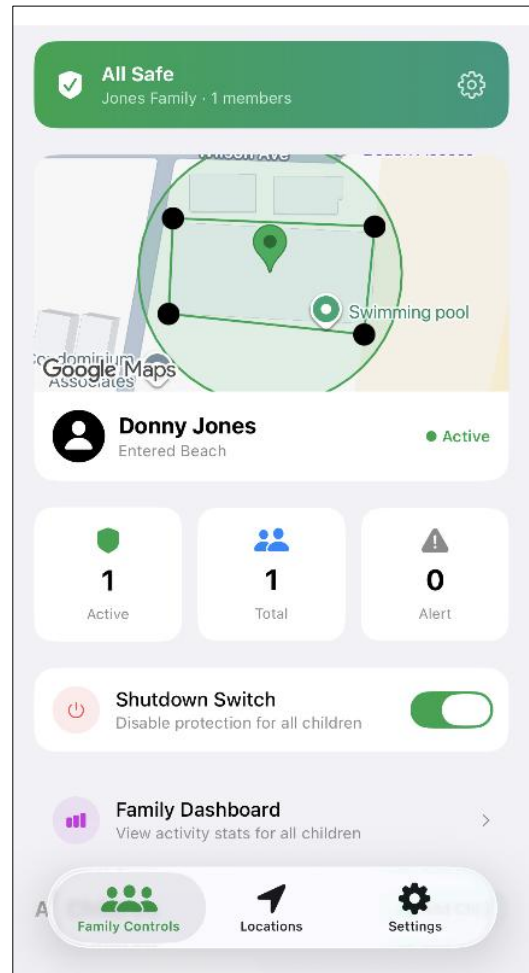
# CONGRATULATIONS!

## You have finished setting up your Safe Zones Family!

### CHILD PHONE



### PARENT PHONE

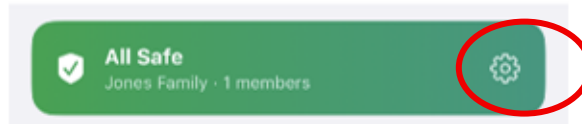


# Adding a second parent/adult to your Safe Zones Family

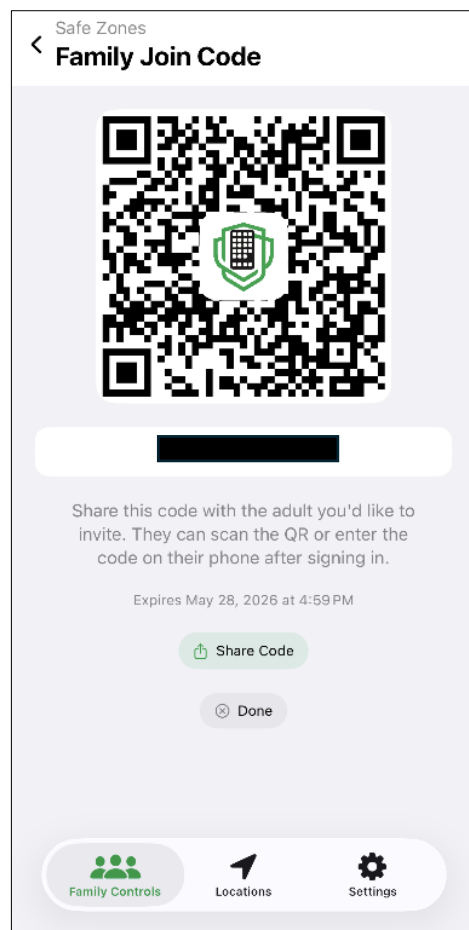
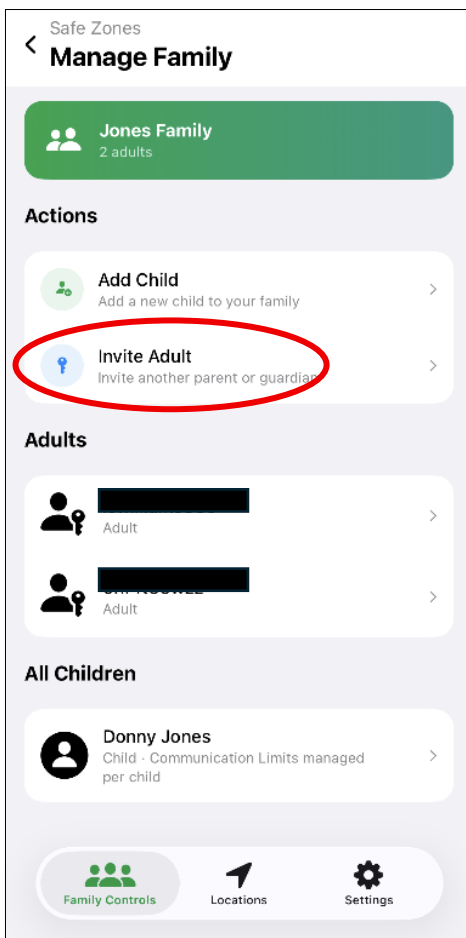
Have the second parent/adult download the Safe Zones App onto their phone.

Go to Family Controls on the original **Parent** phone, and on the top green bar, tap the 'gear' icon.

## PARENT-PHONE



Tap 'Invite Adult' and use the second parent/adult phone to scan the QR code shown.



You are now ready to set your Geofence locations and the app & time controls that are unique to each location.

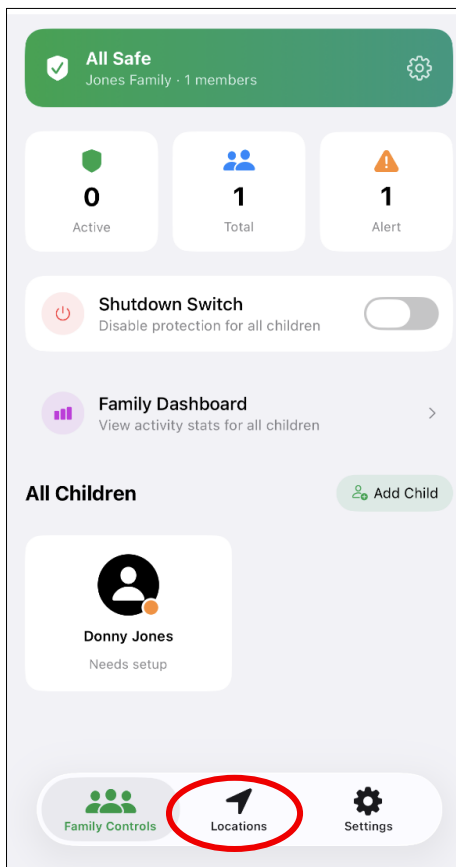
### 3) Geofence Setup Instructions

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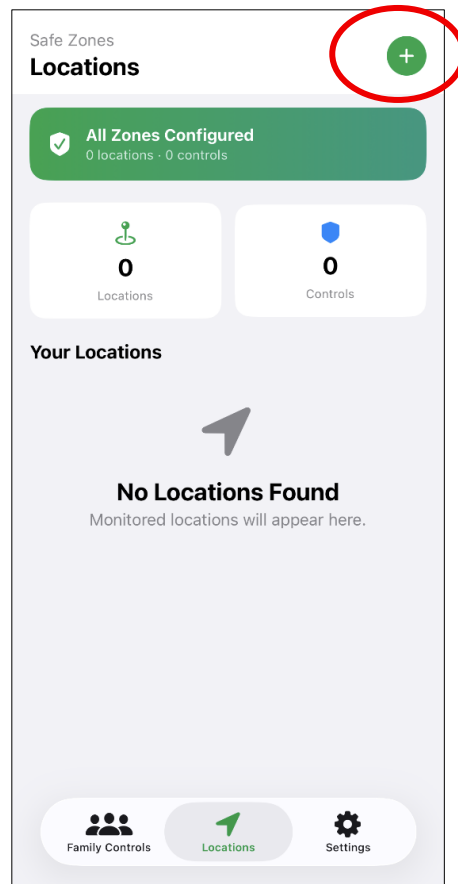
*Estimated time to complete each geofence = 3 minutes*

#### A. Creating a Location

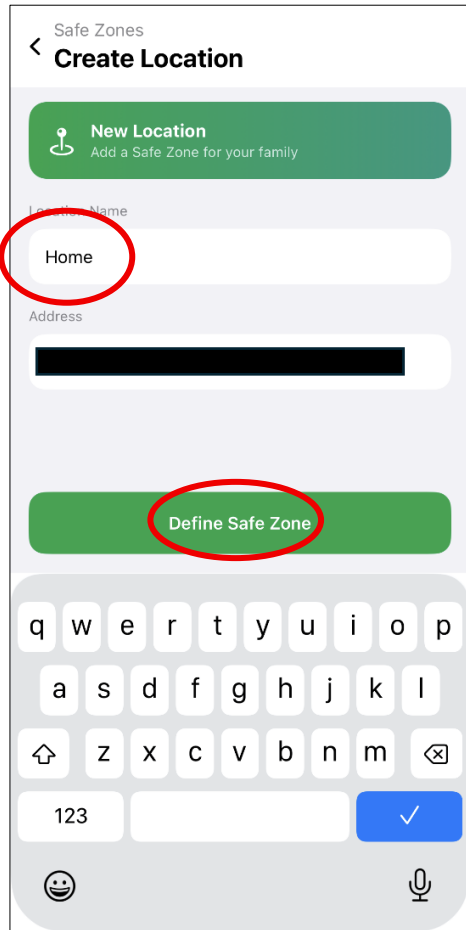
1) Tap Locations



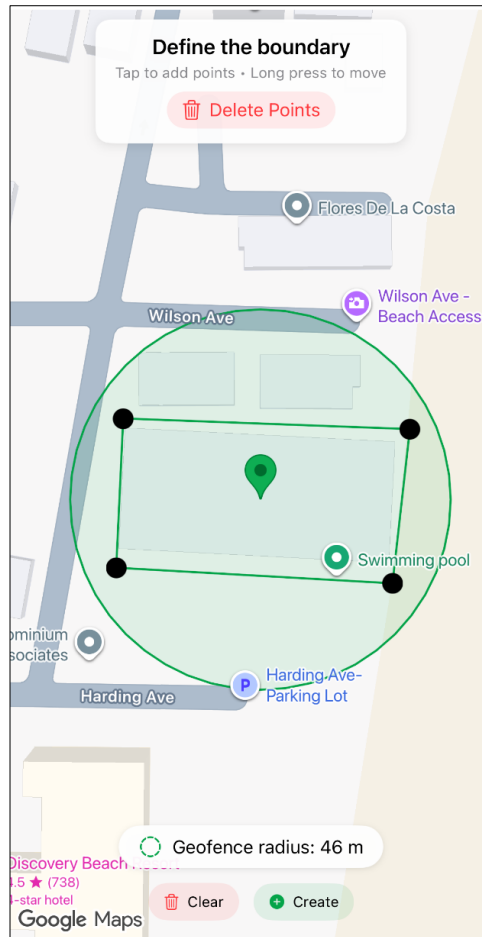
2) Tap plus ( '+' ) sign in upper right to start process



3) Enter a name for the location, add the street address, then tap 'Define Safe Zone'



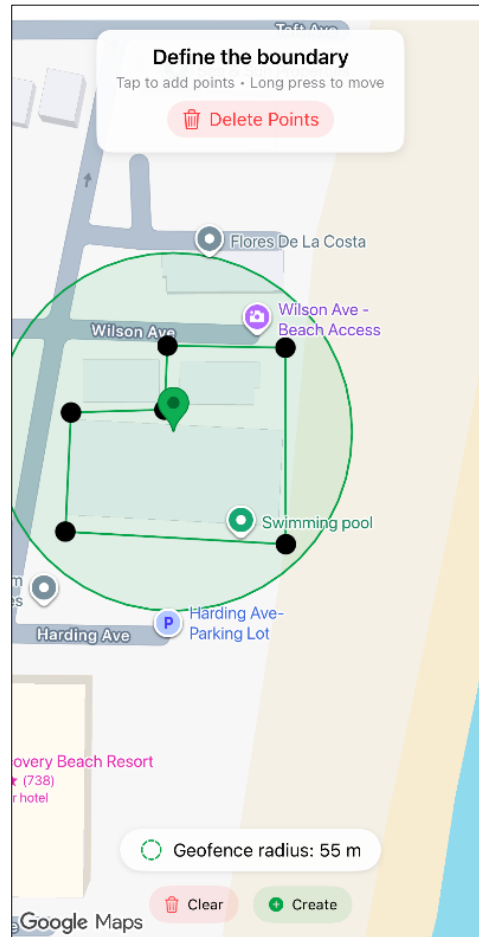
4) Touch screen to set 4-point geofence



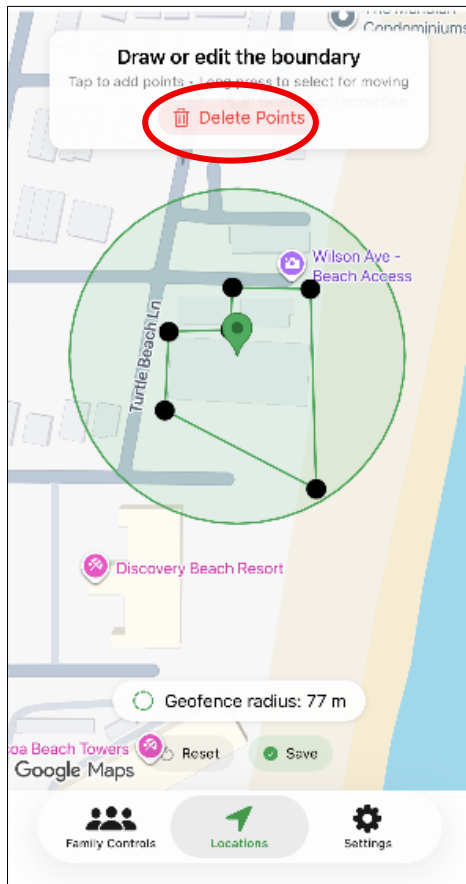
5) Long Press any point to adjust its location



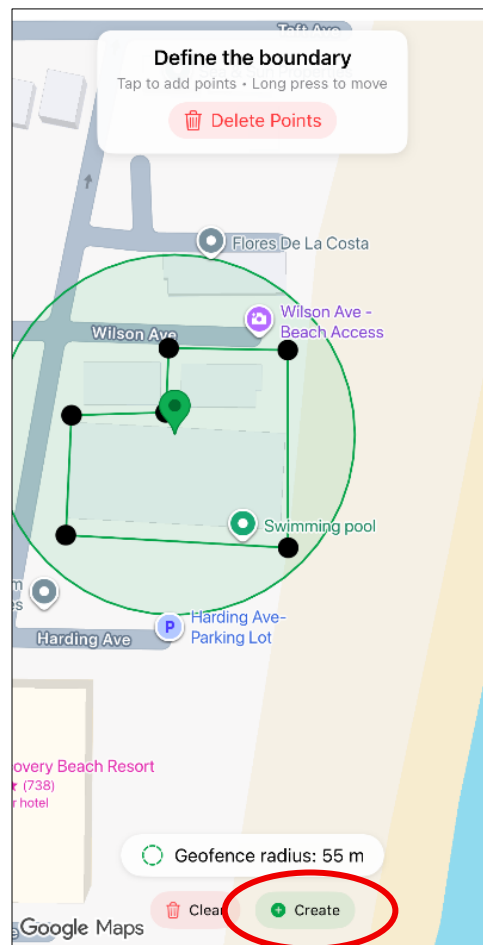
6) Tap the screen to add points as needed to create desired geometry



7) To delete a point, tap 'Delete Points', and long press any point to delete it.

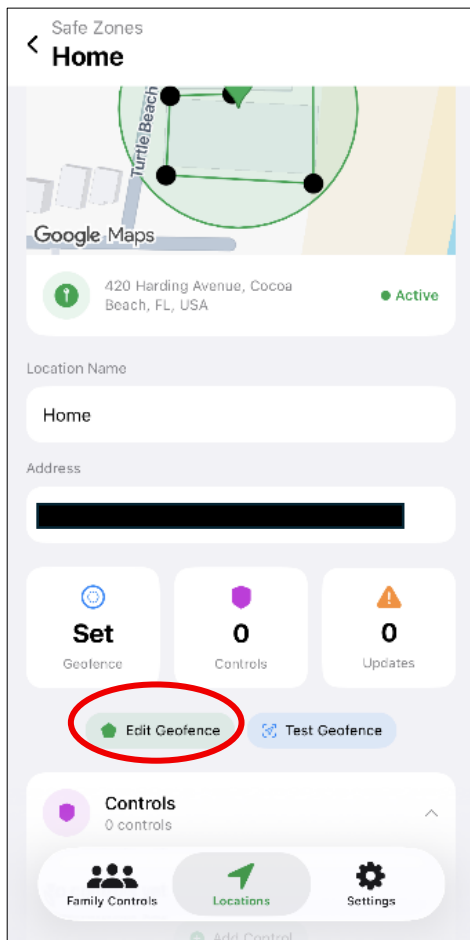


8) Tap 'Create' to save your geofence

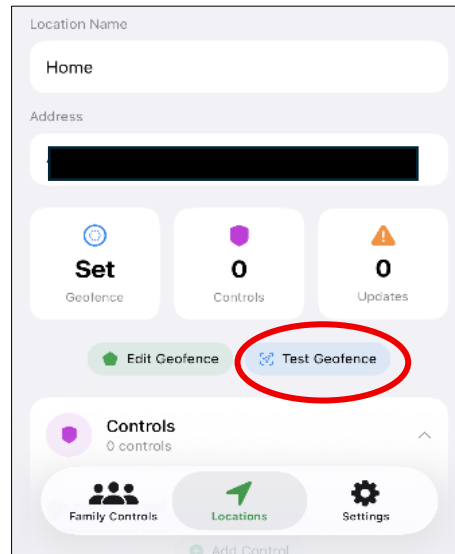


9) To edit your geofence, tap 'Edit Geofence' and use the steps 5-8 above to make changes.

Tap 'Save' when complete.

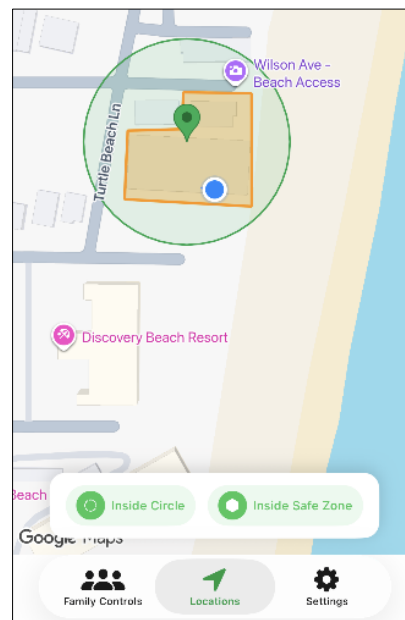


10) To test your geofence, tap 'Test Geofence'.



The test screen will show your phone's location as a blue dot (see below). The indicator at the bottom will show 'green' if you are inside the geofence.

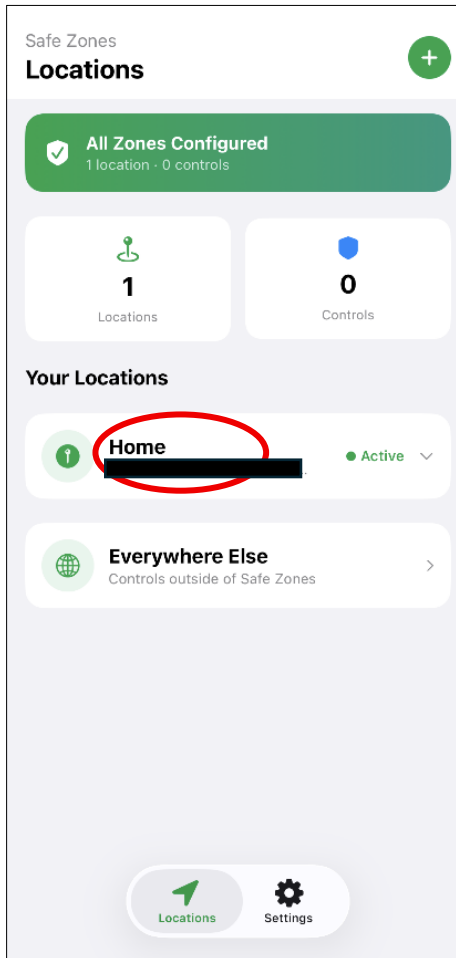
To check whether the geofence perimeter is where you want it to be, walk with your phone across the boundaries and the indicator will show green for inside, or red for outside the geofence.



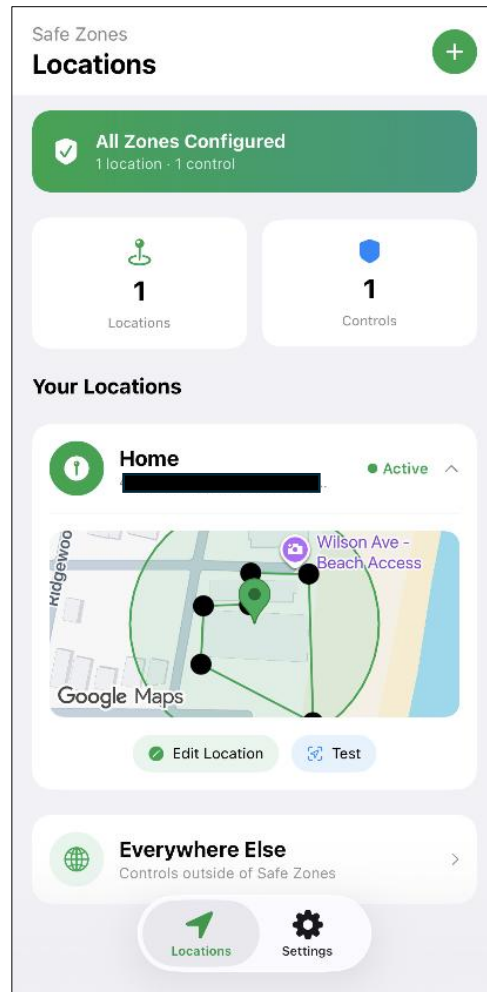
The precision of the geofence lines can vary by a few feet. (Note: the perimeter circle is used by Safe Zones to alert the system that it is approaching a geofence).

## B. Setting Controls Within a Geofence

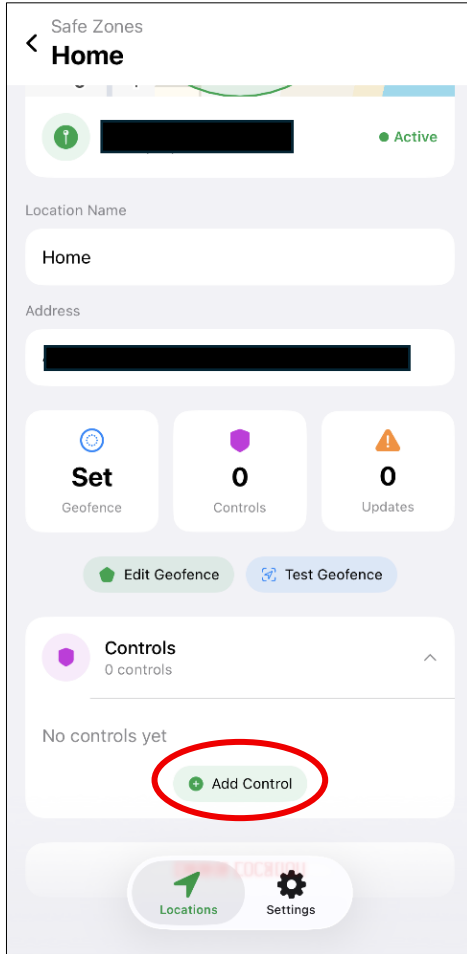
1) Tap one of your locations  
(in this example, 'Home')



2) Tap 'Edit Location'

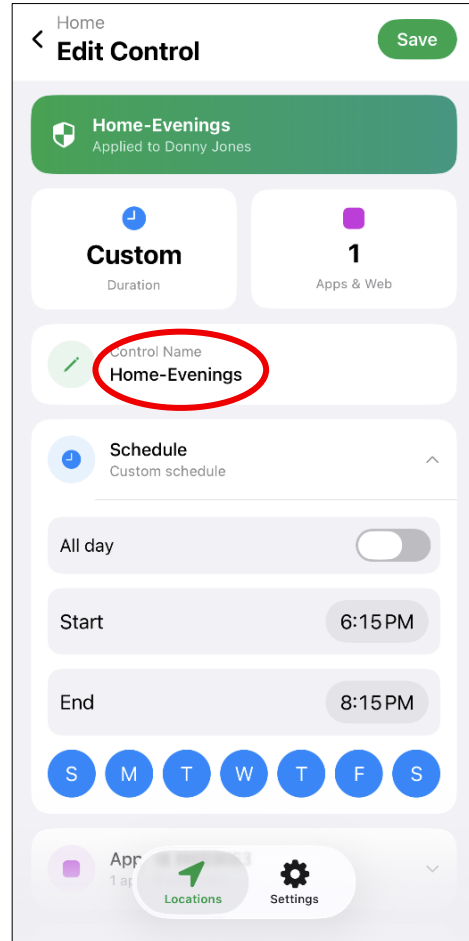


3) At the bottom of the page tap 'Add Control'

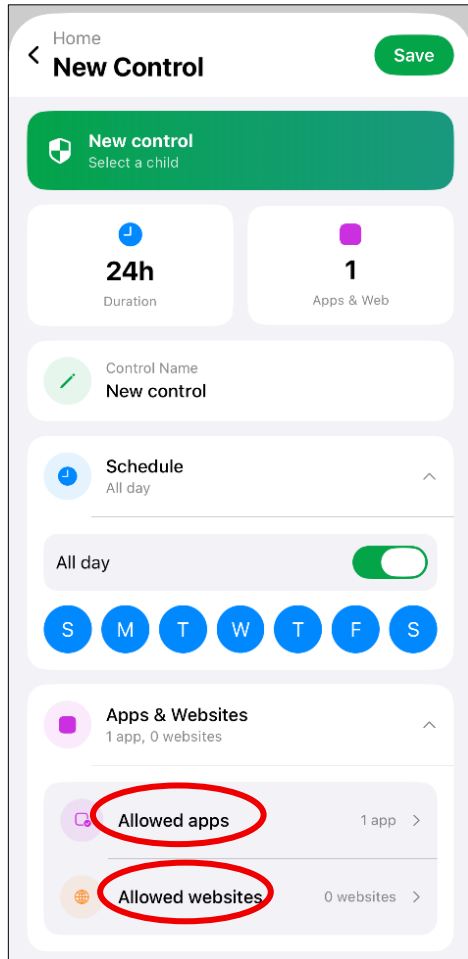


4) Tap 'Control Name' to name this set of controls ( e.g., Home-Evenings).

Set preferred time and day controls.

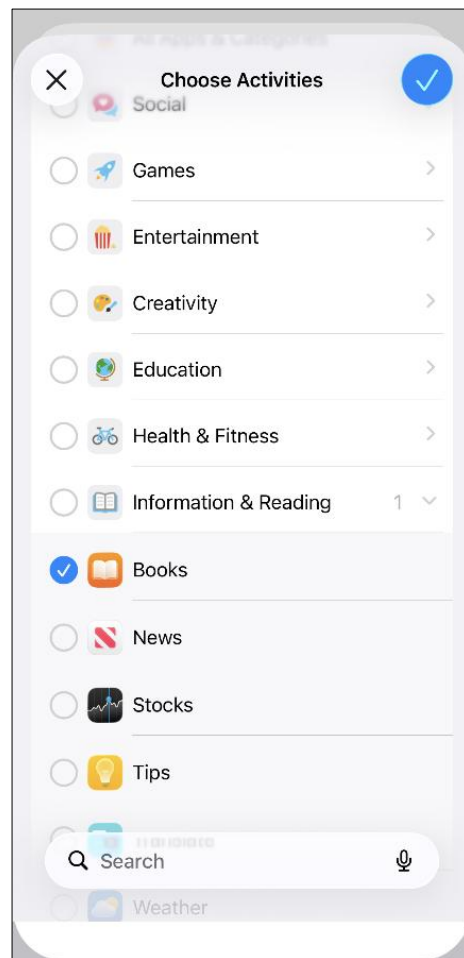


5) By default, all Apps and Websites are blocked. Tap **Allowed Apps** or **Allowed Websites** to selectively allow use of necessary apps, such as medical/glucose monitoring, educational apps etc.



6) Select the desired allowed apps/websites, then tap the check mark in the upper right-hand corner.

On the "New Control" screen (previous step 5), tap 'Save' in the upper right-hand corner and your controls are now set for this geofence, on your specified days and times. When your child is in this location, controls will initiate on your schedule.



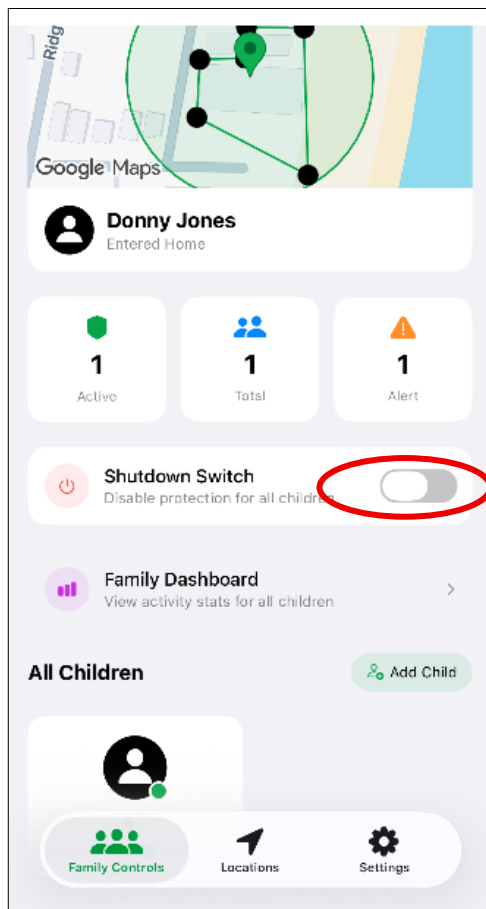
## 4) Additional Features

### A. Shutdown Switch (SDS)

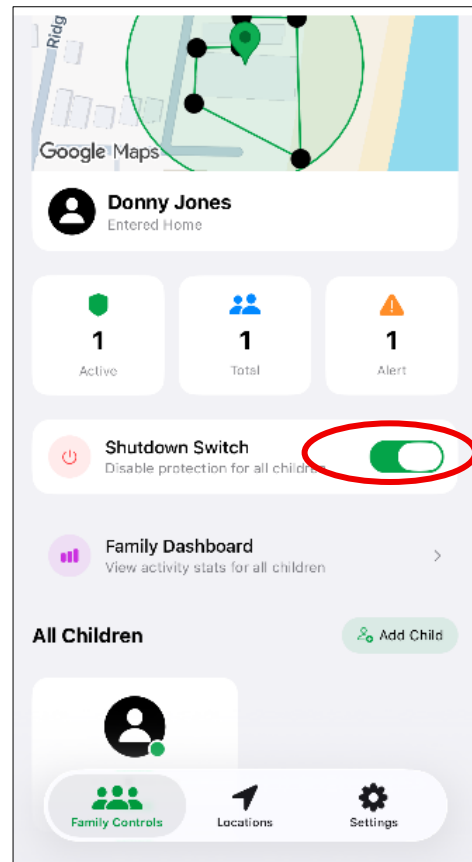
On the Family Controls tab of the Parent's phone, the Shutdown Switch (SDS) allows parents to turn off all Safe Zones' controls for all of their children.

The SDS functions take an average of 30-45 seconds to disable/restore controls over all geofences.

With the switch on the left (gray) all controls/blocking are in place.



With the switch toggled on the right (green), all Safe Zones' controls/blocking are removed.

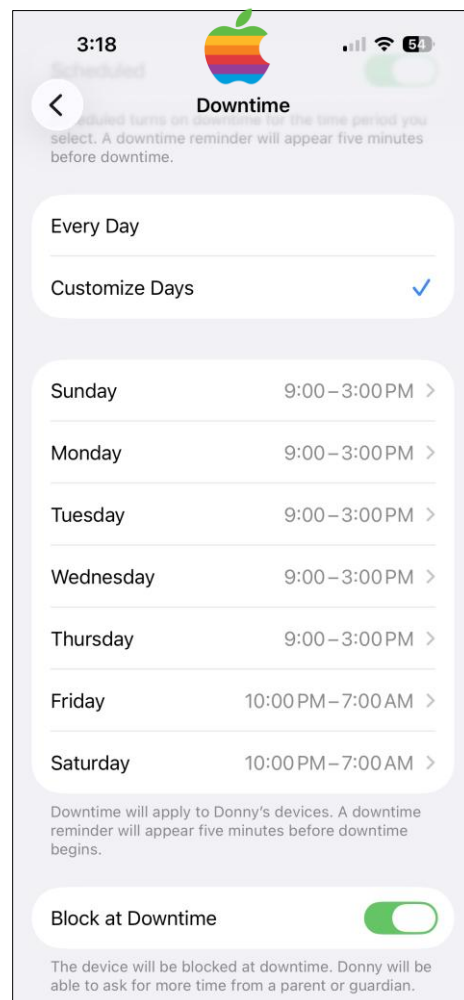
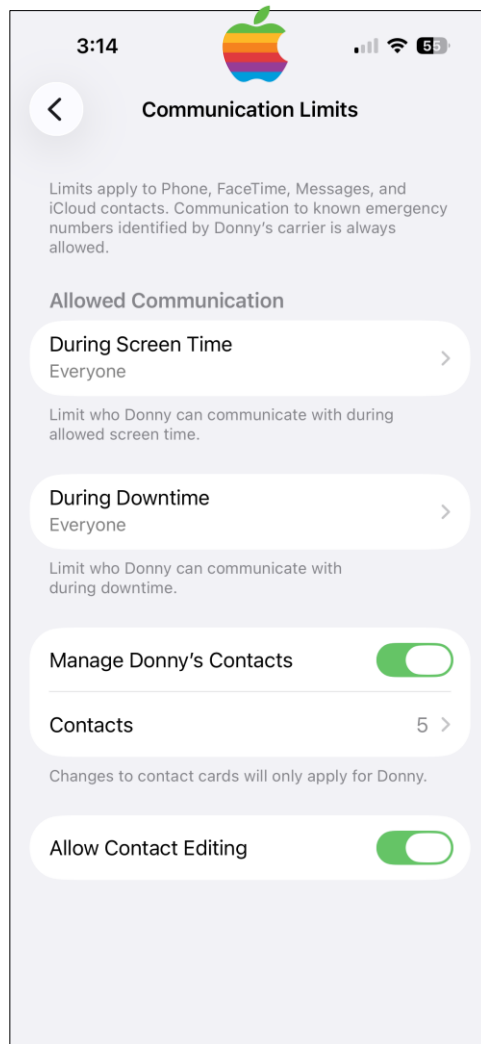


## B. Voice Calling and Texting

Safe Zones provides location-based controls for social media and other distracting apps. To ensure safe communication at all times, these ‘basic communications’ on your child’s phone are strictly controlled by Apple without connection to geofences.

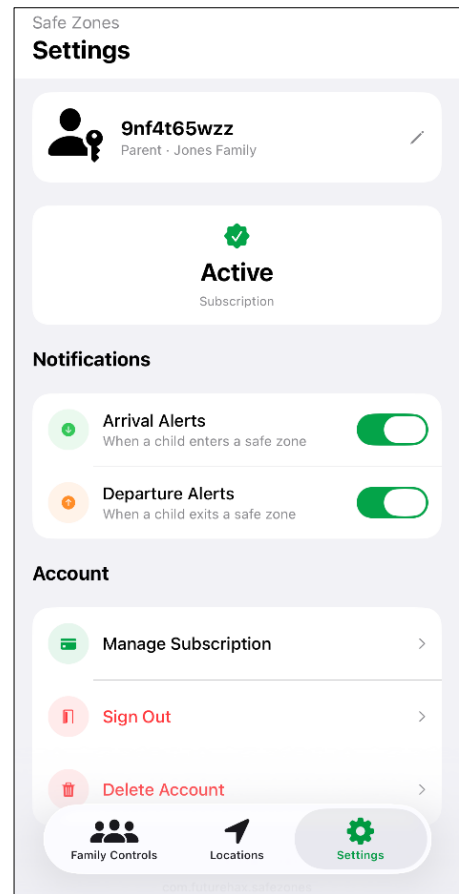
To establish a ‘whitelist’ of contacts who can call or text your child at certain times of day, use **Apple Communication Limits and Downtime** in your **Apple Family settings**.

For example, you can limit contacts to ‘parents/key contacts’ only from 9 PM through 3PM the next day, to prevent outside texting or calls during sleep time and school time. These controls are not set within the Safe Zones app.



### C. Arrival/Departure Alerts

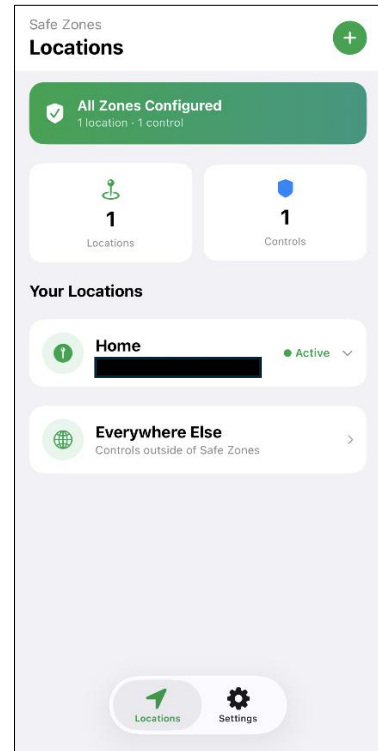
On the Settings tab of the Parent's phone, parents may select arrival and departure alerts to be active and inactive. When active, alerts are sent to the Parents' phones notifying them of a child's arrival in or departure from a geofence.



## D. 'Everywhere Else' Location

On the Location tab of the Child's phone, you will see a permanent 'location' called 'Everywhere Else'. As the name would imply, using 'Everywhere Else' is a way for parents to set controls for all areas outside of their geofences. This feature was designed based on feedback from parents with one primary purpose in mind.

Parents were concerned that their teen could be inclined to leave the house in order to circumvent the established geofence controls around their home, even at night. A serious concern indeed, leading Safe Zones to create the 'Everywhere Else' feature.



By establishing controls for the 'Everywhere Else' location, for example blocking functions from 9:30 PM to 7:00 AM every day, those controls are in place essentially everywhere, whether or not a geofence is in place. Controls during bedtime would be in effect anywhere they go, e.g., Grandma's house, a sleepover, a road trip etc., or down the street.

Controls for 'Everywhere Else' are set using the same process as described in the 'Setting Controls Within a Geofence' See Section 3B (page 15) above.