

Canopy Parental Control

Tested Feature Matrix (2025)

What we tested · What worked · Where limitations remain

This document summarizes our hands-on testing of Canopy’s core features across iOS and Android devices. It is designed to help parents understand not just what Canopy claims to do, but how it performs in real-world use.

Tested Feature Overview

Feature	Test Scenario	What Worked Well	Where It Fell Short	Our Verdict
Smart Filtering (AI-Driven Content Censoring)	Browsing adult websites, mixed-content pages, and image-heavy search results via mobile browsers	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explicit images are selectively blurred or white-outed• Pages remain accessible instead of being fully blocked• Effective against many previously unknown sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Works only in browsers, not inside native apps (e.g., TikTok, Instagram)• Occasional false positives on harmless images• Some explicit visuals still slip through	Effective for browser use, unreliable beyond it
Sexting Prevention	Saving images locally, sharing photos via messaging and social apps	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Can block explicit photos from being saved to the device• Offers different sensitivity levels (Standard / Strict)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Coverage depends heavily on how the image is shared• Some apps bypass detection entirely• Does not analyze text-only messages	Helpful in limited scenarios, not comprehensive

Web & App Filtering	Blocking website categories (games, social media, adult content) and restricting selected apps	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Category-based filtering works well for major web categories • Does not rely solely on keyword matching 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited control inside apps • No advanced scheduling by category or time of day 	Basic filtering, lacks flexibility
Location Tracking	Real-time location checks and geofencing alerts	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Location updates are generally accurate • Geofencing alerts function as expected 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Limited customization compared to dedicated tracking tools 	Useful add-on, not a core strength
Downtime (Internet Blocking)	Scheduled internet shutdown during night hours	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Simple to enable • Effectively blocks internet access 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Downtime is a blanket block • No app-level or category-specific scheduling 	Very basic time control

What These Results Mean for Parents

Best suited for:

- Parents of **younger children (roughly ages 6–10)**
- Families primarily concerned with **visual exposure to explicit web content**
- Households where children mainly use **web browsers rather than social apps**

Less suitable if you expect:

- Protection **inside social media apps**
- Visibility into **messages, calls, or online conversations**
- Detailed usage reports or real-time behavior alerts

Bottom Line from Our Testing

Canopy performs best when used exactly as designed: **a browser-focused visual content filter**.

Once children begin spending more time inside social media apps, messaging platforms, or mixed-content environments, Canopy's protection becomes increasingly limited. Parents seeking broader supervision or behavioral insights should be aware of these constraints before relying on it as a standalone solution.