



# CHECK LIST

## Is my child fit for his/her own smartphone?

Should (s)he install apps on his/her own? Does (s)he know which data and photos are not to be shared? Are WhatsApp or Snapchat okay for my child?

Answering these and similar questions is difficult for many parents. With the following check list we want to support you with the decision "smartphone – yes or no?". Tick off what your child already is capable of doing. The more items you have ticked, the more your child is already "fit" for his or her own smartphone. We suggest you talk about the remaining items with your child.

<b>My child is able to:</b>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>View safety settings</b> and change settings (create and change PIN or password, set up display lock)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Keep track of (monthly) <b>costs of smartphone use</b> (prepaid or contract)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Identify where <b>costs</b> occur (e.g. <b>in-app purchases</b> ) and change settings accordingly	<input type="checkbox"/>
Activate and deactivate <b>GPS signal, WIFI and Bluetooth</b> by him-/herself	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Turn data roaming</b> on or off for vacation or other stays outside the EU	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Assess data protection risks</b> and reasonableness of <b>app permissions</b> ; know where to get information on this (e.g. in terms and conditions, in forums) and which possible settings there are	<input type="checkbox"/>
Handle own <b>information and photos on the internet</b> with care and know what rather not to share	<input type="checkbox"/>
<b>Respect others' rights</b> also online (e.g. don't insult via messenger, don't forward data, photos and other information of other people without asking, report hate speech, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Know what <b>problems to talk about</b> with parents or other trusted persons (frightening messages, requests for address or nude pictures, rip-offs, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Understand and accept <b>agreed rules</b> for smartphone use (e.g. not at dinner table, turn off after 9 pm, etc.)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Critically question <b>smartphone use</b> and <b>role of smartphone</b> in everyday life (especially concerning time spent)	<input type="checkbox"/>
Recognize <b>advertisement</b> and understand handling of different forms of advertising	<input type="checkbox"/>

More ideas and tips about smartphones and apps (in German):

[www.klicksafe.de/smartphones](http://www.klicksafe.de/smartphones)

[www.klicksafe.de/apps](http://www.klicksafe.de/apps)

[www.handysektor.de](http://www.handysektor.de)

