Preparing iPad for public use

If you are using Simple Booth for the first time or setting up on a brand new device, there are a few steps you will need to take to get your iPad ready.

Helpful Resources

- Getting Started Guide
- HALO Event Kit setup guide
- Printing Help
- Pre-Event Checklist
- Design Guide

The following four items are settings you will only need to change once for the initial setup of your device(s). To see a list of things to run through before each event, see our pre-event checklist.

1. Enable Guided Access

Guided Access prevents guests at your events from accessing other apps or sensitive information on your iPad. Enable the feature by opening your iPad’s Settings app, then visit General > Accessibility > Guided Access, then turning it on and setting a pass code.

Note: Enabling Guided Access only needs to happen once, however you must start a new Guided Access session before each event by triple clicking the home button and starting Guided Access.
2. Enable AssistiveTouch through Accessibility Shortcut

We strongly encourage you to use lighting during your event! If your hardware makes it difficult to shut off the iPad’s screen, using the AssistiveTouch feature together with Accessibility shortcut can make breaking down after events a bit easier.

To set up Accessibility Shortcut, open your iPad’s Settings app and visit Settings > General > Accessibility > Accessibility Shortcut, then select the AssistiveTouch option.

When you’re ready to lock your iPad, triple click the home button on your iPad and choose AssistiveTouch. Then, use the on-screen button that appears to visit Device > Lock Screen. To remove the on-screen button, triple click the home button and de-select AssistiveTouch.

3. Disable Auto Brightness

Your iPad has Auto Brightness enabled by default. Leaving the feature enabled can cause the iPad’s screen to dim during events, dark enough that it can almost appear as though the screen is off! Disable Auto Brightness by opening your iPad’s Settings app and visiting General > Accessibility > Display Accommodations, then disable the following: Invert Colors, Color Filters, Auto-Brightness, and Reduce White Point.

4. Disable iCloud Photo Sharing

Leaving iCloud photo settings enabled while using Simple Booth can result in your storage filling up much more quickly than anticipated. If this will present a problem for you, disable iCloud photo settings by opening your iPad’s Settings app, then visiting [Your Name] (at the top) > Photos, and disable “iCloud Photo Library” and “My Photo Stream.”

Now that your iPad is ready to go, visit our Pre-Event Checklist to see what steps you’ll want to take to get your device ready before each event.