Setting Up Parental Controls - Internet Browsers

Setting up parental controls on a web browser allows you to manage which sites your children can access when they are online. These quick tips will show you how to set up parental controls on Internet Explorer, Google Chrome, and Firefox. We have also included filtering instruction for YouTube here too.

Internet Explorer

Internet Explorer has several areas that offer parental controls including content (restrictions on language, nudity, sex, and violence), offensive language, and listing approved or disproved websites.

To set controls:
1. Open Internet Explorer
2. Select "Tools" from the toolbar in the upper right-hand corner of the web browser
3. Select "Internet Options"
4. Select the "Content" tab and Find the "Content Advisor" heading
5. Click "Enable"
6. Choose a category from the list. This list will present you with a variety of content categories that you may not want your children to see, such as sites depicting drug or alcohol use, violent images, nudity or bad language.
7. Click on the category you want to control. Then use your mouse to move the slider below the list to set the degree of restriction you want on that type of site. The degree of restriction can range from no restriction at all to the complete blocking of those sorts of sites
8. Click 'ok" to save changes
9. Set a password. You will be prompted to do so at this point. Setting a password will ensure that no one but you is able to adjust the parental control settings

Firefox

Though the Firefox browser does not feature built-in parental controls, parents can install a third-party extension to filter explicit material on the web. After installing the parental control add-on, you can create a safe environment by editing specific safety and security features that are included with the add-on. Depending on the security features you would like installed in your browser, you may be required to provide a small monetary contribution.
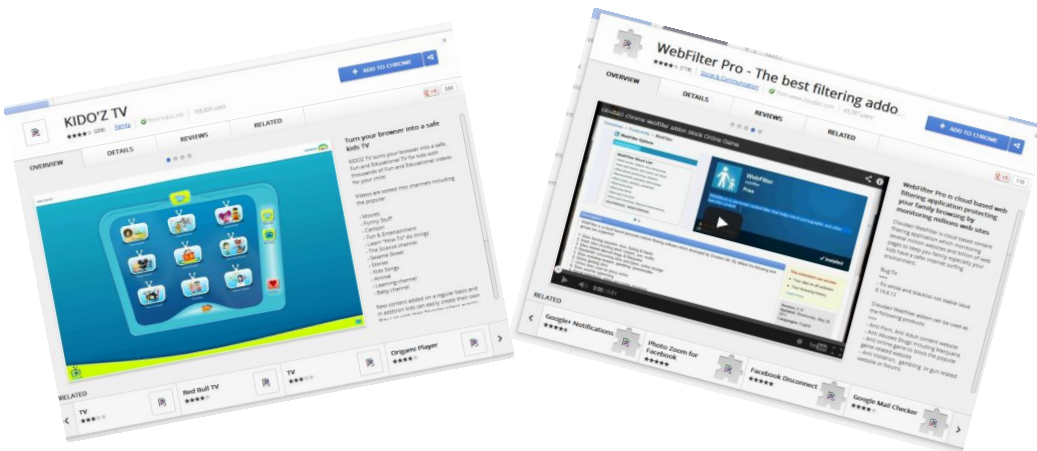
To set controls:

1. Go to the official [Mozilla Add-Ons](#) site

2. Perform a search for security add-ons by typing "Parental Control" in the Mozilla search box. A list of available parental control add-ons, such as FoxFilter, ProCon Latte and Suricate, will appear on the page.

3. Review the functionality of each available add-on and select your preferred option by clicking on the "Add to Firefox" button. Depending on the add-on you choose, you may need purchase the add-on and register for an account.

4. Click on the "Install Now" button to begin the installation process. After installing the add-on, you will be prompted to restart Firefox to complete the installation process.

5. Edit the Internet filter and security features for your new parental control. To edit the add-on features, click on the "Tools" tab and select the "Add-ons" option. After the "Add-ons" window appears on your screen, click on the "Options" button and enable your new parental controls.

Google Chrome

The browser does not have any parental controls, but there are third-party applications to address this issue. Go to the Chrome Web Store site for a good selection of such extensions.

YouTube

The Safety Mode feature is in YouTube is one option. Safety Mode is an opt-in setting that helps screen out potentially objectionable content that you may prefer not to see or don't want others in your family to stumble across while enjoying YouTube. When you opt in to Safety Mode mode, videos with potentially objectionable content or that have been age restricted will not show up in video search. Safety Mode does not remove content from the site but rather keeps it off the page for users who opt in.

You can opt into Safety Mode by clicking on the link at the bottom of any video page. For more information, click here or watch this YouTube video