

Internet Filtering Policy by Category

PERMITTED CATEGORIES

Advertisements:

- Banner Ad Servers.

Arts & Entertainment:

- Television, movies, music and video programming guides.
- Comics, jokes, movie, video or sound clips.
- Discussion forums on television, movies, music and videos.
- Online magazines and reviews on the entertainment industry.
- Circuses, theatre, variety magazines, and radio.
- Broadcasting firms and technologies (satellite, cable, etc.).
- Book reviews and promotions, publishing houses, comic books, and poetry.
- Jokes, comedians, any site designed to be funny or satirical.
- Online museums, galleries, artist sites (included sculpture, photography, etc.).
- Celebrity fan sites.
- Horoscopes.
- City Guides.

Computing & Internet:

- Reviews, information, buyer's guides of computers, computer parts and accessories, and software.
- Computer/software/Internet companies, industry news and magazines.
- Sites that design and/or maintain web pages including individual web designers.
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- Personal storage or backup.
- Pay-to-Surf sites.

Education:

- Educational institutions, including pre-, elementary, secondary, and high schools; universities.
- Educational sites: pre-, elementary, secondary, and high schools; universities.
- Distance education and trade schools.
- Online teacher resources (lesson plans, etc.).
- Topic-specific search engines (e.g. anthropology).

Finance & Investment:

- Stock quotes, stock tickers, and fund rates.
- Online stock or equity trading.
- Investing advice or contacts for trading securities.
- Money management/investment services or firm.
- General finances and companies that advise thereof. • Accountancy, actuaries, banks, mortgages, and general insurance companies.

Food & Drink:

- Recipes, cooking instruction and tips, food products, and wine advisors.
- Restaurants, cafes, eateries, pubs, and bars.
- Food/drink magazines, reviews.
- Manufacturers and distillers.

Glamour & Intimate Apparel:

- Lingerie, negligee or swimwear modelling.
- Model fan pages; fitness models/sports celebrities.
- Fashion or glamour magazines online; clothing catalogues'.
- Beauty and cosmetics.
- Modelling information and agencies.

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Government & Politics:

- Government services such as taxation, armed forces, customs bureaus, emergency services.
- Local government sites.
- Political debate, canvassing, election information and results.
- Local, national, and international political sites.

Health & Medicine:

- General health such as fitness and well-being.
- Alternative and complementary therapies.
- Medical information about ailments, conditions, and drugs.
- Medical reference.
- Hospital, medical insurance.
- Dentistry, optometry, and other medical-related sites.
- General psychiatry and mental well-being sites.
- Promoting self-healing of physical and mental abuses, ailments, and addictions.
- Psychology, self-help books, and organizations.

Hobbies & Recreation:

- Recreational pastimes such as collecting, gardening, kit airplanes.
- Outdoor recreational activities such as hiking, camping, rock climbing.
- Tips or trends focused on a specific art, craft, or technique.
- Online publications on a specific pastime or recreational activity.
- Online clubs, associations or forums dedicated to a hobby.

Hosting Sites:

- Web sites that host business and individuals' web pages (i.e. GeoCities, earthlink.net, AOL).

Job Search & Career Development:

- Employment agencies, contractors, job listings, career information.
- Career searches, career-networking groups.

Kid's Sites:

- Child-centred sites and sites published by children

Lifestyle & Culture:

- Homelife and family-related topics, including parenting tips, gay/lesbian/bisexual (non-pornographic sites), weddings, births, and funerals.
- Foreign cultures, socio-cultural information.

Motor Vehicles:

- Car reviews, vehicle purchasing or sales tips, parts catalogues.
- Auto trading, photos, discussion of vehicles including motorcycles, boats, cars, trucks and RVs.
- Journals and magazines on vehicle modification, repair, and customization.
- Online automotive enthusiast clubs.

News:

- Newspapers online ·Headline news sites, newswire services, and personalized news services.
- Weather sites.

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Photo Searches:

- Sites that provide resources for photo and image searches.

Real Estate:

- Home, apartment, and land listings.
- Rental or relocation services.
- Tips on buying or selling a home.
- Real estate agents.
- Home improvement.

Reference:

- Personal, professional, or educational reference.
- Online dictionaries, maps, and language translation sites.
- Census, almanacs, and library catalogues.
- Topic-specific search engines.

Religion:

- Churches, synagogues, and other houses of worship.
- Any faith or religious beliefs, including non-traditional religions such as Wicca and witchcraft.

Search Engines:

- General search engines (Yahoo, AltaVista, Google).

Sex Education:

- Pictures or text advocating the proper use of contraceptives, including condom use, the correct way to wear a condom and how to put a condom in place.
- Sites relating to discussion about the use of the Pill, IUDs and other types of contraceptives.
- Discussion sites on how to talk to your partner about diseases, pregnancy and respecting boundaries.

Note: Not included in the category are commercial sites that sell sexual paraphernalia. These sites are typically found in the Adult category.

Shopping:

- Internet malls and online auctions.
- Department stores, retail stores, company catalogues online.
- Online downloadable product warehouses; speciality items for sale.
- Freeware, shareware, and software downloads.
- Freebies or merchandise giveaways.

Sports:

- Team or conference web sites.
- National, international, college, professional scores and schedules.
- Sports-related online magazines or newsletters.

Travel:

- Airlines and flight booking agencies.
- Accommodation information.
- Travel package listings.
- City guides and tourist information.
- Weather bureaus.
- Car Rentals

Usenet News:

- All newsgroups accessed through the http protocol.

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Web-based E-mail:

- Web-based e-mail accounts.
- SMS Messaging (e.g. Instant Messaging).

BLOCKED CATEGORIES

Adult/Sexually Explicit:

- Sexually orientated or erotic full or partial nudity.
- Depictions or images of sexual acts, including inanimate objects used in a sexual manner.
- Erotic stories and textual descriptions of sexual acts.
- Sexually exploitive or sexually violent text or graphics.
- Bondage, fetishes, genital piercing.
- Adult products including sex toys, CD-ROMs, and videos.
- Adult services including videoconferencing, escort services, and strip clubs.
- Explicit cartoons and animation.

Chat:

- Web-based chat

Criminal Skills:

- Advocating, instructing, or giving advice on performing illegal acts such as phone, service theft, evading law enforcement, lock-picking, fraud, plagiarism/cheating, and burglary techniques.

Drugs, Alcohol & Tobacco:

- Recipes, instructions or kits for manufacturing or growing illicit substances, including alcohol, for purposes other than industrial usage.
- Glamorizing, encouraging, or instructing on the use of or masking the use of alcohol, tobacco, illegal drugs, or other substances that are illegal to minors.
- Alcohol and tobacco manufacturers' commercial Web sites.
- Information on "legal highs": glue sniffing, misuse of prescription drugs or abuse of other legal substances.
- Distributing alcohol, illegal drugs, or tobacco free or for a charge.
- Displaying, selling, or detailing use of drug paraphernalia.

Note: we do not include sites that discuss medicinal drug use, industrial use or public debate on the issue of legalising certain drugs. Nor do we include sites sponsored by a public or private agency that provides educational information on drug use.

Gambling: SEE NOTES BELOW

- Online gambling or lottery web sites that invite the use of real money.
- Virtual casinos and offshore gambling ventures.
- Virtual sports leagues and sports picks and betting pools.

Games: SEE NOTES BELOW

- Game playing or downloading; game hosting or contest hosting.
- Tips and advice on games or obtaining cheat codes ("cheatz").
- Journals and magazines dedicated to game playing.

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Hacking:

- Promotion, instruction, or advice on the questionable or illegal use of equipment and/or software for purpose of hacking passwords, creating viruses, gaining access to other computers and/or computerized communication systems.
- Sites that provide work-a-rounds for our filtering software.
- Cracked software.
- Pirated software download sites.
- Pirated multimedia download sites.

Personals & Dating: (INCLUDES MOST SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES)

- Singles listings, matchmaking and dating services,
- Advice for dating or relationships; romance tips and suggestions.

Remote Proxies:

- Remote proxies or anonymous surfing Peer-to-peer sharing.

Streaming Media: SEE NOTES BELOW

- Streaming media files or events (any live or archived audio or video file).
- Internet TV and radio.

Violence:

- Portraying, describing or advocating physical assault against humans, animals, or institutions.
- Depictions of torture, mutilation, gore, or horrific death.
- Advocating suicide or self-mutilation.
- Instructions, recipes or kits for making bombs or other harmful or destructive devices.
- Excessive use of profanity or obscene gesticulation.

Note: we do not block news, historical, or press incidents that may include the above criteria (except in graphic examples).

Weapons:

- Online purchasing or ordering information, including lists of prices and dealer locations.
- Any page or site predominantly containing, or providing links to, content related to the sale of guns, weapons, ammunition or poisonous substances.
- Displaying or detailing the use of guns, weapons, ammunition or poisonous substances.
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Interactive games play and streaming media use large amounts of bandwidth that degrades the broadband service for all users. These activities are usually restricted by ISP's under their 'fair use' policy or attract additional charges.

Some streaming media is allowed through the filter. BBC news and other foreign news agencies as requested by carers are permitted.

BBC iPlayer, Cbeebies and similar sites are permitted.

National Lottery site is allowed and some 'not for real money' gambling sites are permitted.