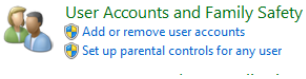
Looking After Our Children Online

None of us like the idea of our children browsing the internet for school research purposes and coming across something inappropriate website. I hope you find these tips helpful.

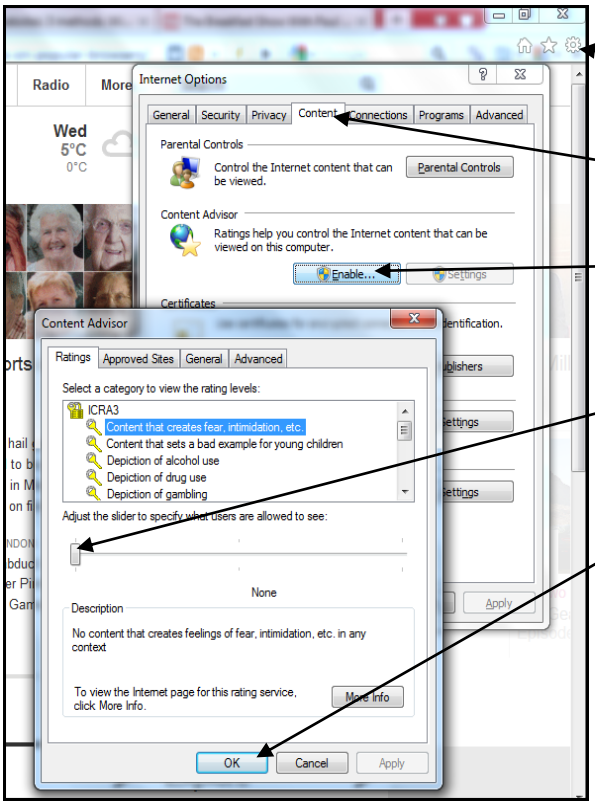
Create a log-in for your child on a PC with limited settings by logging in as the administrator in Windows and going to the control panel where you'll see a version of the following, depending on your version of Windows.



It is fairly straight forward to do this, but if you'd like a walkthrough, go to

http://www.wikihow.com/Create-a-New-User-Account-in-Windows-XP

Safe browsing with **Internet Explorer**



Click on the settings icon

Then, the content tab

Next, click ENABLE on 'Content Advisor

And move the slider to select the level of security

To put these settings in place click OK

You will have to create a password

Restarting your computer is probably a good idea for the changes to take effect

Using Google

To use SafeSearch in Google you will need to set up an account and go into preferences to enable the strict filtering system. The filter works on both explicit text and explicit images from your search results.

You can also manage blocked sites: if there are websites that you'd prefer not to see, you can put their web addresses in a filter so that they do not appear in a search.

If you use iOS you can change your settings to 'Strict filtering' by clicking on the gear icon in their downloadable app.

You might want to look at these tips from other parents: http://www.google.co.uk/goodtoknow/familysafety/tips/

Finally, SafeSearch for Kids is the child friendly search engine where safe is always 'on.' The browser allows your children to safely surf the web with a much lower risk of accidentally seeing illicit material. Use this alongside a specific log in for your child.

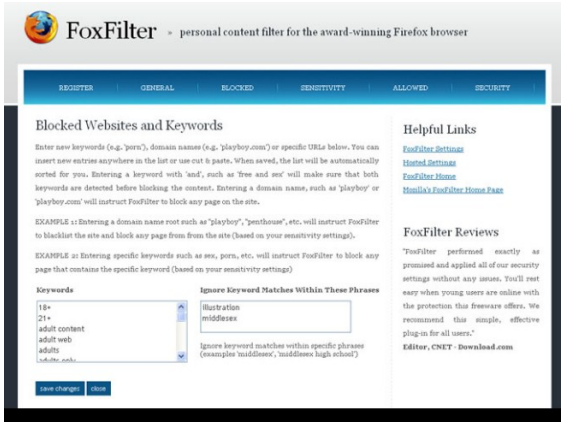


Family Safety with Firefox

There are two safety options for Firefox users. One is a free add-on to the browser itself, called FoxFilter (see image below) which takes seconds to download and install. Their publicity calls it 'THE Parental Control for Firefox' to block pornographic and innapropriate content.

There is also MetaSurf, which, once installed, sits at the top of the browser ready to block any adult site. Look at the MetaSurf website for more information: https://metacert.com/about/metasurf There is a version for Google Chrome as well as iPad (it's called Olly)





Childnet International offer support for parents and it's worth visiting their site http://www.childnet.com/safety/parents.aspx Resources can be ordered or accessed online