

Parental Controls, Safe Searching & Security (Anti-Virus) Software

FOR ALL COMPUTERS → INSTALL ANTI-VIRUS / SECURITY SOFTWARE

Most security software applications include anti-virus, anti-spyware and firewall protection, e.g.:

AVG (www.avg.com) – FREE

McAfee (www.mcafee.com)

Norton (www.symantec.com)

Webroot (www.webroot.com)

For further information: www.webuser.co.uk/products/software-reviews/anti-virus

FOR PROTECTING YOUNGER CHILDREN → SET CONTROLS & FILTERS

To set **Parental Controls** in Windows:

You can set the hours your child can log onto the computer, control access to games, and allow or block specific programs. (Make sure that each child that you want to set up Parental Controls for has their own *user account* and that you have an *Administrator* account.)

In Windows Vista & Windows 7: On Control Panel, click “User Accounts & Family Safety Settings”, then “Parental Controls”.

In Windows XP: On Control Panel, click “User Accounts”. Set boundaries for “Guest” accounts.

To set **Content Advisor** in Internet Explorer:

Select “Internet Options” from the Tools menu. Select the “Content” tab, then “Content Advisor”. Click “Enable” & choose settings (e.g. type name of forbidden website, click “Never” & “Apply”).

To set **Safe Search** filters when using Google:

On the Google home page (www.google.ie), click “Search Settings” in the upper right corner; scroll down to “Safe Search filtering”. Click “Use strict filtering” for computers which are used by children. You can lock Safe Search settings here; click “Learn More” onscreen to see how.

FOR PROTECTING YOUNGER CHILDREN → INSTALL FILTERING SOFTWARE

For extra security, you could consider buying filtering software. Following are a few among many products available to help protect children on the Internet. Most of these products track Internet usage, help parents to block offensive web sites, protect personal information, and help thwart cyber predators.

www.NetNanny.com

www.OnlineFamily.Norton.com – FREE

www.CyberPatrol.com

www.CyberSitter.com

*Remember that no filtering software is perfect..
“The best filter is the one between your ears.”*