

Internet Explorer's Content Advisor

Internet Explorer has built in functions to limit the websites that your family has options to. In just a few minutes you can have a great handle on the pages your loved ones are subjected to. And best of all, this filter can also help you from attracting viruses, spyware, and other dangers on the Internet.

To get started all you need to do is open Internet Explorer, go to Tools > Internet Options. This is a useful set of "tools" that can also help ease your online troubles. Alright, once your looking at your internet options dialogue box with a number of tabs running across the page, click the tab that says "Content", and then right below the tab find Content Advisor and click enable. This will trigger yet another window with a few more tabs across the top.

In the ratings tab, using the criteria listed in the categories provided, slide the slide bar to the right and left to set the level of filtering you would like to set. There is a ratings system tab at the bottom of the general tab that will provide much useful if you are interested in finding ratings other than that that is installed on the computer already.

Once you feel comfortable that you have the ratings scale adjusted the way you want there are just a few other things that need to be taken care of before you're protected. Under the approved sites tab list any websites that you may want or not want users to be able to visit regardless of the ratings that they have. Once this has been done, click over to the general tab where you have the option to either enable or disable the viewing of pages with no rating. We suggest that you allow by placing a check in the box.

And last but not least, you must also create a supervisor password, In the general tab enter your password, and enter again to verify. Click OK to set password, Click OK in response to the message about Content Advisor, and then again to finish set up of the filtering feature in IE. Now every time you bump into Content Advisor's protective walls, you'll need to type the supervisor password to get through.