

OpenDNS Web Filtering

In our homes today, we have all types of devices, computers, gaming consoles and smart phones.

In order to provide a safer environment at home; there is a free utility available that allows you to use parental controls for all devices on your **home network**.

This utility is called OpenDNS and allows parents to manage web access across all devices on your home network. This includes phones and computers that your children and their friends bring into your home.

This gives peace of mind to know that users are protected, regardless of how they are accessing the internet.

OpenDNS divides the millions of websites into categories, like “adult,” “games,” “fraud,” etc.

Parents can block entire categories of content or choose just to block individual websites that you know are causing issues for your family. There is also an easy mode by choosing low, medium, or high level filtering.

Note: Some wireless routers already have parental controls built in, if this is the case, you may not need to take these steps but would still need to access your router to enable parental controls at home.

Steps to take:

The first step you will need to take is to visit their website and sign up for the utility (using the link below). Choose OpenDNS Home and click Sign-Up Now.

<https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/parental-controls/opendns-home/>

OPENDNS PARENTAL CONTROL SOLUTIONS

Please select a package below that fits your needs.



OPENDNS HOME Customizable filtering & security.	Free	OPENDNS HOME VIP Customizable filtering, stats & support.	\$19.95 / yr
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SIGN UP NOW →  **Click here!**

You will need to confirm your registration and once you confirm, it will send you an additional email with next steps to take. Follow the instructions in this email. The email looks like this:

Thank you for creating an OpenDNS account! You're one step closer to a safer, faster, smarter and more reliable Internet.

The next thing you should do is [add a network](#) to your account. It's easy — just [log in](#) to your account and select Networks in your Dashboard. Once you do that, you can:

<input type="radio"/> High	Set your filtering preferences. Want to block social networks like MySpace and Facebook or bandwidth-consuming sites like YouTube? Just go to Settings in your dashboard and choose "content filtering."
<input type="radio"/> Moderate	
<input checked="" type="radio"/> Low	
	Customize with your image and messages. Everyone on your network will see them. Just go to Settings and set "your logo" and "your messages" under Customization.
	View stats about your network activity. Want to see which Web sites people on your network are visiting? Block problem sites in a single click? Just visit the Stats tab. (Note: it takes 24 hours for your stats to populate. Don't worry — they're coming!)

You will also need to adjust a setting on your wireless router. Please follow these instructions to adjust the router setting:

<https://support.opendns.com/entries/46060260-FamilyShield-Router-Configuration-Instructions>

Support:

OpenDNS should be contacted for support for this utility.

You can contact OpenDNS by calling 1-415-344-3200

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