

## Free Internet Content Filters For Home Use

The following links provide discussions of various free solutions for filtering internet traffic on your home network. RISD does not specifically endorse any of the solutions mentioned.

<http://www.techsupportalert.com/best-free-parental-Filter.htm>

<http://www.techrepublic.com/blog/security/free-web-content-filtering-puts-safer-browsing-within-reach-for-everyone/676>

<http://lifehacker.com/5312820/five-best-content-filtering-tools>

<https://www.common sense media.org/blog/everything-you-need-to-know-about-parental-controls>

One solution discussed in the above links is to use OpenDNS.com. Assuming you have a typical home network setup where your ISP provides a router that dynamically supplies network addressing information to the computers and other devices connected on your network, you can modify your router's configuration to use the OpenDNS's servers as the DNS servers for your network <https://www.opendns.com/home-internet-security/ork>. No software needs to be installed anywhere. See <http://www.opendns.com/home-solutions/> for more information.

Someone who knows how to change the DNS settings on his or her computer could change them to some other server and bypass the OpenDNS servers. To prevent this, you would need to configure your router's firewall settings to allow DNS lookups only from OpenDNS.

Another solution discussed at the first two links above is K9 Web Protection by Blue Coat Systems. This is a software-based solution that is installed on each computer in your network. It currently supports Windows, Macs, iPhone/iPad/iPod, and Android devices. It would not help with Xbox or similar devices. See <http://www.k9webprotection.com/> for more information.