Internet Explorer Content Advisor

As a parent you may have concerns about the content your children encounter as they surf the Web. Internet Explorer helps you safeguard your family's browsing experience with Content Advisor, which can be used to control the Web sites that your family can view. With Content Advisor, you can give your children access to a specific list of Web sites that you allow and prevent them from accessing others. Find out how to use it so you can rest easier.

Activate Content Advisor

To activate Content Advisor, you set yourself up as the Supervisor of Content with a password. Don't lose it!

1. On the Internet Explorer **Tools** menu, click **Internet Options**.
2. Click the **Content** tab, and click the **Enable** button.
3. In the **Content Advisor** box, click the **General** tab, and then click the **Create Password** button.
4. In the **Create Supervisor Password** box, type the password you want to use.
   For solid advice about making a secure password, read this article on how to create strong passwords.
5. In the **Confirm Password** box, type the same password again.
   Internet Explorer requires this to make sure you haven't made a typing error.
6. In the **Hint** box, type a hint to help you remember your password, and then click **OK**.
   Make sure the hint is one your child won't know the answer to. If you can't come up with something, leave it blank. (But then, of course, you're on your own if you forget the password!)
7. Click **OK** in response to the message about Content Advisor, and then click **OK** once more.
   Now every time you bump into Content Advisor's protective walls, you'll need to type the supervisor password to get through.

Be careful! Don't lose your password. To turn off Content Advisor or make any changes whatsoever, you'll need your supervisor password. Store it in a child-proof place away from your computer. Get more ideas about how to keep your password secret in this article on how to create strong passwords.

Limit Access to Web Sites

With Content Advisor activated, you can create a list of Web sites that can always be viewed by your family. If someone attempts to access a Web site that is not on your approved list, they will be prompted for the Content Advisor Supervisor password to proceed. To create your list of approved and disapproved Web sites, activate Content Advisor using the instructions above and then follow these steps:

1. On the Internet Explorer **Tools** menu, click **Internet Options.**
2. Click the **Content** tab, and click the **Settings** button.
3. You will be prompted for the Supervisor password. Enter your password and click **OK.**
4. In the Content Advisor box, click the **Approved Sites** tab.
5. In the field for **Allow this Web site,** type in the Web address that you want to allow or disapprove.
6. Click the **Always** button to add the site to your list of approved Web sites. Or you can click the

Never button to restrict access to the site. To remove a site from your list of approved and disapproved sites, click the site name, and then click the **Remove** button.

Turn off Content Advisor

1. On the Internet Explorer **Tools** menu, click **Internet Options**.
2. Click the **Content** tab, and click the **Disable** button.
3. In the **Password** box, type your supervisor password, and click **OK**.

   All users will once again have free access to all sites.

Change Your Supervisor Password

Perhaps someone guessed your password, or perhaps you're simply following good security measures and changing your password often. Whatever the reason, you can change your password by following these steps:

1. On the Internet Explorer **Tools** menu, click **Internet Options**.
2. Click the **Content** tab, and click the **Settings** button.
3. In the **Password** box, type your supervisor password, and click **OK**.
4. In the Content Advisor box, click the **General** tab, and click the **Change Password** button.
5. In the **Old password** box, type the password you're using now.

   This lets Internet Explorer know that you are authorized to change the password.
6. In the **New password** box, type the new password.
7. In the **Confirm new password** box, type the new password again.

8. Type a hint to help you remember your new password, and click **OK**.

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