

INTERNET FILTERING CATEGORIES

1. Abortion Advocacy

Sites with neutral or balanced discussion of the issues are classified under the main category "Abortion Advocacy."

1.1 Pro-Life

1.2 Pro-Choice

2. Advocacy Groups

Sites sponsored by or devoted to organizations that promote change or reform in public policy, public opinion, social practice, economic activities and relationships. Excludes commercially sponsored sites (4, 13, 22), sites dedicated to electoral politics or legislation (10.2) or to the abortion issue (1), sites advocating hate or violence (16, 20, 29).

3. Adult Material

3.1. Adult Content. Sites featuring full or partial nudity reflecting or establishing a sexually oriented context, but not sexual activity (3.3); sexual paraphernalia; erotica and other literature featuring, or discussions of, sexual matters falling short of pornographic; sex-oriented businesses such as clubs, nightclubs, escort services, password/verification sites. Includes sites supporting online purchase of such goods and services.

3.2 Nudity. Sites offering depictions of nude or seminude human forms, singly or in groups, not overtly sexual in intent or effect.

3.3 Sex. Sites depicting or graphically describing sexual acts or activity, including exhibitionism.

3.4 Sex Education. Sites offering information on sex and sexuality, with no pornographic intent.

3.5 Lingerie & Swimsuit. Sites offering views of models in suggestive but not lewd costume; suggestive female breast nudity. Also classic "cheesecake" art and photography.

4. Business & Economy

Sites sponsored by or devoted to individual business firms, but not supporting ecommerce (22) and not firms engaged in computer or Internet businesses (13) or the sale of alcohol or tobacco (23.1), travel services (27), vehicles (28), or weaponry (29). Includes commercial real estate, but not residential real estate (21.2).

4.1 Financial Data & Services. Sites offering news and quotations on stocks, bonds, and other investment vehicles, investment advice; but not online trading. Includes banks, credit unions, credit cards, and life insurance.

5. Drugs (as characterized by U.S. law)

5.1 Abused Drugs. Sites that discuss or promote or provide information about prohibited, scheduled, or otherwise controlled or regulated drugs and their abuse; also, paraphernalia associated with such use and abuse.

5.2 Prescribed Medications. Sites providing information about approved drugs and their medical use.

5.3 Supplements/Unregulated Compounds. Sites providing information about or promoting the use of chemicals not regulated by the FDA (as naturally occurring compounds, for example).

5.4 Marijuana. Sites whose primary function is to provide information specifically about or promoting the use of marijuana.

6. Education

6.1 Educational Institutions. Sites sponsored by schools and other educational facilities or by faculty or alumni groups, or that relate to educational events and activities.

6.2 Cultural Institutions. Sites sponsored by museums, galleries, theatres (but not movie theatres), and other cultural institutions.

6.3 Educational Materials. Sites whose primary function is to provide historical information, scientific/research pages, or educational curriculum materials.

7. Entertainment

Sites that provide information about or promote motion pictures, non-news radio and television, books, humor, music, and magazines (other than those devoted primarily to adult material (3), business (4), electronic games (9), information technology (13), alcohol and tobacco (23.1), health (11), hobbies (23.5), sports (25), travel (27), vehicles (28), or weaponry (29)).

7.1 MP3. Sites that support downloading of mp3 files or that serve as directories of such sites.

8. Gambling

Sites that provide information about or promote gambling or that support online gambling. Risk of losing money possible.

9. Games

Sites that provide information about or promote electronic games, video games, computer games, role-playing games, or online games, but not board or card games (23.5); also sites that support or host online games. Includes sweepstakes and giveaways.

10. Government

Sites sponsored by government branches or agencies; all levels of government (i.e., *.gov)

10.1 Military. Sites sponsored by military branches or agencies (i.e., *.mil)

10.2 Political Groups. Sites sponsored by or providing information about political parties and interest groups focused on elections or legislation.

11. Health

Sites that provide information or advice on personal health or medical services, health insurance, procedures, or devices, but not drugs (5). Includes self-help groups.

12. Illegal/Questionable

Sites that provide instruction in or promote crime (except computer crime (13.1)) or unethical or dishonest behavior or evasion of prosecution therefore.

13. Information Technology

Sites sponsored by or providing information on computer- and Internet-industry firms.

13.1 Hacking. Sites providing information on or promoting illegal or questionable access to or use of communications equipment and/or software.

13.2 Proxy Avoidance Systems. Sites that provide information on how to bypass proxy server features or to gain access to URLs in any way that bypasses the proxy server.

13.3 Search Engines & Portals. Sites that support searching the Web, news groups, or indices or directories thereof.

13.4. Web Hosting. Sites or organizations that provide hosting services, or top-level domain pages of Web communities.

13.5 URL Translation Sites. Sites that offer online translation of URLs including those that offer online language translation of Web sites by submitting the URL of the target site.

14. Internet Communication

14.1 Web Chat. Sites that host Web Chat services, Chat sites via HTTP, on-IRC chat rooms. Home pages devoted to IRC. Sites that offer forums or discussion groups.

14.2 Web-based Email. Sites that host Web-based email. Any Web based email service, either browser or software based.

15. Job Search

Sites that offer information on or support seeking employment.

16. Militancy/Extremist

Sites that offer information on or promote or are sponsored by groups advocating antigovernment beliefs or action.

17. News & Media

Sites that offer current or real-time news, including those sponsored by newspapers, magazines, trade and academic journals, radio and television stations and networks, wire services; but not current financial quotes (4.1) or sports (25).

17.1 Alternative Journals - On-line equivalents to supermarket tabloids or non-mainstream periodicals
Note: This category may contain material which is sexual in nature.

20. Racism/Hate

Sites that promote the identification of racial groups, the denigration or subjection of groups (racially identified or otherwise), or the superiority of any group.

21. Religion

21.1 Non-Traditional Religions. Sites that provide information on or promote religions not listed in 21.2 and on other unconventional religious or quasi-religious subjects, including cults.

21.2 Traditional Religions. Sites that provide information on or promote Buddhism, Baha'i, Christianity, Christian Science, Hinduism, Islam, Judaism, Mormonism, Shinto, and Sikhism; also atheism.

22. Shopping

Sites that support online purchasing of consumer goods but not including sexual paraphernalia (3.1), investments (4.1), computer software or hardware (13), supplements (5.3), alcohol and tobacco (23.1), travel services (27), vehicles and parts (28), or weaponry (30). Included are sites exclusively devoted to selling sports or religious goods.

22.1 Internet Auctions. Sites that support the offering and purchasing of goods between individuals.

22.2 Real Estate. Sites that provide information on renting, buying and selling residential real estate.

23. Society & Lifestyle

Sites that provide information on matters of daily life, excluding sex (3), entertainment (7), jobs (15), sports (25), and those topics covered in subsections below.

23.1 Alcohol/Tobacco. Sites that provide information on, promote, or support the sale of alcoholic beverages, tobacco products, and any associated paraphernalia. Excludes self-help groups like AA, which are in Health.

23.2 Gay & Lesbian Issues. Sites that provide information on or cater to gay and lesbian lifestyles, including those supporting online shopping; but not sexually oriented (3.1, 3.3) or issue-oriented (2).

23.3 Personals/Dating. Sites that promote interpersonal relationships, excluding those of exclusively gay or lesbian appeal.

23.4. Restaurants & Dining. Sites that list, review, advertise, or promote food, catering, or dining services.

23.5 Hobbies. Sites that provide information on or promote private and largely sedentary pastimes, but not electronic, video, or online games (9).

23.6 Personal Web Sites. Web sites published by an individual for personal use and interchange; not published by an organization.

24. Special Events

Sites devoted to a current event that requires separate categorization owing to objectionable content, bandwidth demand, or potential effect on productivity. Some such sites will disappear; others will be reviewed after 90 days for possible reclassification.

25. Sports

Sites that provide information on or promote sports, active games, and recreation.

25.1 Sport Hunting/Gun Clubs. Gun club sites or directories of gun club sites. Includes war-game and paintball sites.

26. Tasteless

Sites that cannot be categorized elsewhere but offer offensive, grotesque, frightening, lurid, material with no redeeming value.

27. Travel

Sites that provide information on or promote various travel-related services and destinations, including those that support online purchase or reservations.

28. Vehicles

Sites that provide information on or promote vehicles, including those that support online purchase of vehicles or parts.

29. Violence

Sites that provide information on or promote violent activity. Sites containing excessive profanity may be classified here if not under Tasteless (26).

30. Weapons

Sites that provide information on, promote, or support the sale of weapons and related items.