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## What Is Parental Control?

Parental control is a term that is used to describe the watchful eye that you can have on your child while they are online when you are not around. These controls allow the parent, who holds a master account with their internet service provider, to take control over their specific allowances to the child. For many parents, this allows them some level of protection for when the child is online. Since more and more children at younger ages are getting online, the need is growing and very important is this control.

### **The Need**

The need for parental controls is high. With many of today's pedophiles and criminals lurking online to do their dirty work, your child is at risk. You could just prohibit them from getting onto the web, but that really is not realistic anymore. The fact is that students use the internet to research their homework, to talk with their friends and to play educational (or not so educational) games online. The likelihood of taking this away from them is not high simple because much of life also revolves around being online. They shop online, they meet people online, and they need to be able to use it as a tool to aid them in many functions of everyday life.

### **Enter Parental Controls**

As you can see, there is little hope that you will actually be able to never allow your child to get on the web. But, parental controls can help you nonetheless. With these tools, your child can safely do the things that they want while you control where they go and what they do, to a certain level. Parental controls can also help you to parent your child's use of the internet, but allowing you to set time limits and to keep them within certain websites.

Parental controls are a tool that every parent should have on their hands. Most internet service providers do offer some level of protection for your child, if you allow them their own screen name and access to the web. With the help of parental controls, you allow your child to do the things he or she needs and wants to do but to do those things safely. That's really the important aspect to remember.

## **Parental Control: Protect Your Child And Computer**

Parental controls allow you to keep track of what your child is doing online. Although the best case scenario is that you will be able to sit with your child and do what they need to on the web with them, this is not even remotely possible in most cases. There are many things that you can do to help protect them including using parental controls. But, these controls don't only help protect your child. Many of them can help to protect your computer and network, too. That makes them even more important for you to consider.

### **Protection For Your Child**

The reason to use parental controls starts with the ability to protect your child. There is no doubt that this is the real reason you'll use them in the first place. The fact is that protecting your child with these tools helps to keep them out of the hands of predators that are lurking on the web. While you can't take the internet away from them always, you can protect them by using these controls to limit who they talk to, where they go online, and even how long they are online.

### **Parental Controls For Your Computer's Protection**

In addition to providing protection for your child, parental controls also help you by protecting your overall well being including your computer's well being. For example, many parental controls provide protection from downloads. Your child isn't able to download something off the web unless you approve it. This is a very important tool as it helps to keep spyware, adware, and viruses off your computer. In addition, it will keep your child from visiting websites that have this potentially troublesome files and elements on them. That means it protect your computer as well as your child.

Parental controls have the foundation of helping your family to remain safe. You'll find many different ways to use them to safe guard your family, in fact. Take a few minutes to find out what parental controls can offer to your needs and then get them on your computer to keep your child and your computer from becoming vulnerable to what's lurking on the internet. Without you realizing it, you could be saving yourself from countless problems down the road by just setting up parental controls.

## Parental Control: Is It Enough?

You may have seen an advertisement for parental controls. You may even be considering the purchase of this type of software. What you should realize, then, is that parental controls are only one step in the process of protecting your child. Although it seems like the solution you need, parental controls can also be one of the most important tools for your child but it may not be the only tool that is necessary.

Most parents realize the importance of monitoring their child online. But, even though you are providing this through the use of parental controls, you also need to educate your child regarding the dangers that are lurking online that allow them to be vulnerable. The fact is that many children, even younger ones, are able to navigate around the protections you put in place for them. If they do this, you may not know its happening and your child is left just as vulnerable as they were in the first place. For that reason, education is one of the most important considerations you should have.

Educating your child about the safety necessities online is a must. Children can easily be taught how to stay safe online, just as you teach them to stay safe in public. You just need to communicate with them what the risks are as well as how to avoid becoming a victim to these risks.

When you couple educating your child about the risks and the parental controls that you put in place, your child can and will be protected when they are online. With these controls in place, you can safely make decisions regarding the well being of your child. Without them, your child is at risk for countless online experiences. Protecting your child means educating them, as well as yourself, with the risks that are lurking.

## Using Parental Control Wisely

Parental controls allow you, as a parent or guardian to be able to control the computer in which your child or younger adult is using. You know the importance of doing so. Online predators are out there and they are readily stalking even the youngest of children that venture onto the web. Using parental controls allows you to keep control of the situation so that you can make decisions for your child that will ultimately help them deal with what happens online.

### **What Can Be Done?**

Each internet service provider will have their own different set of parental controls that you can use. The first thing that you will need to do is to find out what types of software are being offered to you through your provider. If you do find that these parental controls are not enough to really protect your child, you can find others available to you to purchase. Before you make that investment, remember that some internet service providers do provide this, or at least some parental controls, with their service to you.

There are many different options that you can use. Here are a few of the services that are available.

- Monitor who can send your child email.
- Monitor who your child can send emails to, as well.
- Determine who can send instant messages to your child or who your child can chat with in chat rooms. Limit them by name or age, or just allow certain ones.
- Monitor the time that they are online. Set a timer for each visit as to how much time they can be online each time they come onto the web.
- Determine which websites your child can go to as well as what type of website it is. Some limit the child to only those websites that are approved by you.

There are other services that you can use when it comes to parental controls. There is no doubt that you'll be able to find the right type of control for your needs either with your current internet service provider or with additional software that you purchase. The goal here is to find the product that offers you the overall best solution and protection for your child. This isn't the type of thing that you should put aside and do later.

## Online Timers And Parental Control

With parental controls, you stay in control of what your child does online as well as what how long they are online in the first place. One of the tools that many internet service providers provide to you is that of an online timer. This timer is a tool that you should consider for a number of reasons. In many cases, it is a helpful tool that monitors how long your child has been online as well as enforces the limit that you place on that amount of time. You make the decisions and you get to keep those rules going, too.

Face it. You simply can not monitor your teen online all day every day. If you aren't home and they are online, they may be there the entire time. The internet is full of things to do, websites to visit and lots of people to interact with. It can become a very easy way to push away the time without even knowing that you are doing it. The internet does draw in children of all ages, but remember, your parental controls are in place to help provide you with the protection you need.

An online timer is a simple enough program. All you need to do is to simply tell it just how long you will allow your child to be online. There are several types of settings that you can select from, in most cases. You can choose to limit how much time your child goes online each time they do get online. Or, you can determine how many hours they can be online for each day and limit them. In addition, you can even limit how many times they can be online during the course of a week, if you like. You can limit the number of times that your child can get on the web as well as how long they are allowed to stay there.

You determine how much time your child gets online. Once you set this number, when their time is up, the software or internet service provider tells them so. If they don't sign off themselves, the provider will do it for them, helping you to enforce the rules that you've set in place. In most cases, this is a free service as part of the software you purchased. If it isn't provided, then get it and start giving yourself an extra hand of protection even when you are not home.

## **Parental Control That Extends Beyond Your Internet Service Provider**

Did you know that kids are crafty creatures? You may think you have them protected online with the use of parental controls. You've done a good job at making sure that the controls are fair but that they are in place to help your child to do well throughout their time online. Most importantly, you believe your child is safe now that they are online and using the web. The problem is that your child may know a way to getting around those controls and therefore may be able to actually avoid doing so.

### **How Your Child Can Get Around Your Control**

Teens are especially crafty, but don't put it past your older child to do this as well. The fact is that children learn things about how to do what they want to do online whether its at school or just through friends. It happens and you shouldn't believe your child is protected when he or she may not be.

What happens is simple. While your parental controls may work for your internet service provider, you child may be using another software that's already installed on your computer to get around them. What's more is that their other electronic software may also contain the ability to get online without you even realizing it. Such programs as Internet Explorer, Netscape and others are one of the easiest ways to get around parental controls. Other elements such as instant messaging that is done outside of the internet service provider, such as with a different program, chat rooms, forums and even file sharing programs are out there. What's more is that their handheld gaming systems are now able to get online in some cases.

### **There Is Hope, Though**

The good news is that there are parental control products on the market that can still protect you from many of these services. The first thing to do is to learn what opportunities your child has to get online around your internet service provider. Find out how they are getting online simply by watching or talking to them. Then, look for the right product on the market that will help you to limit their access to the internet across all boards. You may be one of the lucky ones that has an internet service provider that actually provides this type of protection to your child through their service. If not, find out how these parental controls work and use them.

## Parental Control: Should I Create A Screen Name For My Child?

Considering parental controls for your child is something all parents today that have a computer within their home should do. Here's why. Your child gets online and visits with a simple and seemingly safe online environment such as a chat room or a message board. They begin communicating with people from in their neighborhood or around the world. But, although they are just talking and being innocent, the other person that they could be talking to is nothing like what they seem. They could be a predator. Or, they could be another kid just like your own. The problem is that there is no way of knowing who they are.

The problem with using parent controls for your child on your own screen name means that you'll have to implement those controls on yourself. This is difficult to do since most adults don't want to be limited in where they go and what they do. That's fine because many internet service providers actually allow you to create additional screen names that fit under your account. That means that you can create a new screen name for your child that can have its own parental controls on it, helping to protect your child.

Once you have your own child set up with their own screen name, the process of setting up parental controls is simple. It takes just a few minutes to go in and create the rules that you want your child following. Selecting the appropriate tools will help you to monitor what your child is doing so that you don't have to limit your own access to the internet. In most cases, different levels of protection are available so that you can select the one that's right for your child. Take the time to insure that you talk to them about why you are using parental controls. Don't use it as a punishment, but a protection for your child's well being.

Parental controls can be very limiting and they can be quite liberal. As a child gets older, he or she may not require as much protection as they did in the beginning. As a parent, it is important to educate you're your child the risks of being online. Its also important to monitor how well their parental controls are working for both your needs of protection and their needs to be online. The right decisions can be made so that everyone can get online and do what they need and want to.

## Parental Control: A Child's View

As a good parent, you realize the importance of using parental controls to help protect your child while they are on the internet. But, controlling your child's behavior online can be somewhat of a downer for them. After all, they want to get online to play fun games, to talk with their friends and yes, even to study. There doesn't have to be a limit to either side of this coin. You can set your child's parental control levels appropriately to allow them to do age appropriate things that they want to do and still have some control over the situation. But, to make this work, you have to communicate them.

### **Communicate Your Needs**

The first thing that you should do before ever allowing your child to get online, is talk to them about the risks. If you taught your child never to talk to strangers when walking home from school and to hold an adults hand to cross the street, then you need to help them to understand the reasons why they need to be protected online as well. Simply educating them about what the risks are will provide a level of protection to your child in and of itself. But, it is up to you to make this happen for your child.

Talk to your child about internet predators. Inform your child how easy it is for an adult to pretend to be another kid. They often spend hours studying how to do this, in fact, so that they are knowledgeable of the latest trends. The end result is that your child really does believe there is another child on the other end of that instant message and they are more than willing to tell that child anything they need to know.

### **Talk to your child about**

- What information shouldn't be given over the internet such as last names, addresses, and phone numbers.
- Tell your child never to talk about the specific school that they go to
- Talk to your child about the appropriate and inappropriate subjects that should be talked about online
- Inform your child how to react and what to do when they don't feel comfortable anymore. Make sure they know that you won't be mad at them.

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- Talk to them about parental controls that are a tool you'll be using to protect them, not to limit them.

These are just a few of the very important things you need to talk to your child about in regards to getting on the web. Most children today are educated enough in computer lingo and methods to be able to get around some of the controls you put in place. For that reason, educating your child to the “why” is essential to their well being. Again, if you taught your child to never talk to strangers, you need to help them realize that the web is full of strangers.

## Parental Control: Different Levels Of Protection

With parental controls, you have the ability to keep your child safe online. These tools keep a watchful eye on your child while they are online and doing the things that they want to do there. The good news is that there are many levels of protection in place for you to use. That means that you'll be able to successfully implement the right level of control for your child, instead of just restricting them completely. With a good internet service provider's parental controls, or outside software that you purchase, you can keep your child safe but still provide them with the ability to do what they need online.

### **What Levels Are Out There?**

It's important to realize that there are different levels of parental controls available to you. You'll find a number of different ways to protect your child at different age levels or different skill levels. Here are a few options that may be available to you.

- **General:** This type of parental control is not limiting. It is the standard service that you, as an adult would use. It allows for free access to the internet without any restrictions in place.
- **Teens:** The next level down is that that may be more appropriate for a teenager. It restricts various elements but it does allow them to visit more freely online. It helps to control such things as pornographic websites and other potentially threatening situations.
- **Young Teens:** With a bit more protection, your pre teen or young teenager can have more access to the things that they want to do but still be protected from chat rooms that are not child specific.
- **Kids:** The lowest levels of protection come into play for those under the pre teen years. Many of the parental controls at this level protect your child from moving outside the designated areas for them. Many internet service providers offer unique online experiences geared towards these children that is completely kid only.

Parental controls are up to you to select. Don't make the mistake of thinking that your child will be happy with a kid's only area if they are a young teen. The good news is that you can find the right solution for your child and have a successful online experience that's safe, too.

## What Can Parental Control Limit?

One of the first question that you as a parent needs to ask about parental controls is just what do they limit and how do they do just that. There are many different ways that predators can come into contact with your child. You need to use parental controls as well as education to help protect them from all areas in which they are vulnerable. Think of it in other instances. You probably taught your child a secret, family password that was put in place to allow an adult other than you to pick up your child with. But, that level of protection doesn't protect them from strangers that approach them walking home from school. Parental controls must cover all areas of vulnerability.

### **Areas Your Child Needs Protection**

Here are a few of the most important ways that you need to protect your child when they are online. Remember, this isn't everything and with new technologies as well as new ways to meet others online happening every day, you still need to monitor other areas as well.

- **Chatting:** Chat rooms are a common thing online. There are those chat rooms set up for children as young as ten to talk about games and school. Your parental controls should allow for some protection from chat rooms that aren't approved by you or aren't known to be kid safe areas.
- **Email:** Email addresses can easily be obtained. It only takes the right words in an e-mail's subject line to get your child to open on the email and get into trouble. Parental controls can limit who can send email to your child.
- **The Web:** The web browsing abilities that your child has are also important. Parental controls must protect your child from visiting websites that are not appropriate or ones that you specifically block.
- **Instant Messaging or IM's:** One of the most common ways to chat online today is through instant messaging. It's private and easy to use. Parental controls can help block unwanted individuals from chatting with your child.

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All of these parental controls can be adjusted to fit your child's needs, age and your preferences. Consider limiting all of the options to fit your child. When you implement these parental controls, you help to protect your child when they are doing the things they want and need to do online.

## **Parental Control: Online Activity Reports**

Does your internet service provider help you to set up what are called online activity reports for your child when they are online? Parental controls are things you should consider using. They will help your child to stay safe when they are online and they definitely will help you to know what your child is up to when they are online. Although you may think you are spying on your child, you are ultimately just protecting them from all that is potentially lurking on the web that could threaten them.

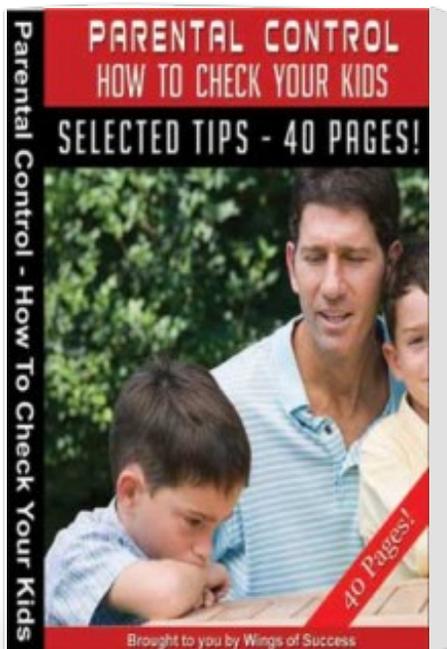
### **What's An Activity Report?**

A parental control activity report is put in place to help protect your child while they are online by informing you of what they are doing while they are there. It will provide you a report of what they've been doing when they are signed onto their account. This can help you know where they've gone and who they've talked to. Most importantly, it helps you to monitor if they are being safe online.

You may be able to learn many things from these reports. They will help you to know how many emails they are getting as well as who they are getting them from and who they are sending them to. It will help you to know what websites they have visited including those that are the most frequently visited. Some activity reports will even help you to know what types of websites they have tried to visit but that are restricted through the use of your parental controls. This allows your child to stay protected while communicating with others online.

The activity report does not have to be something that you tell your child about, if you feel that you don't want to. It is a report that comes to the master account or the person responsible for the child's screen name account. The best thing is that your child can remain safe and you'll know about what potential risks they are taking and then be able to protect them from making mistakes. It is rare to be able to prevent mistakes that your child makes. Simply taking note of what they are doing will also help you to have some peace of mind when you can't watch over their shoulder when they are on the web.

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