



Locking Google SafeSearch

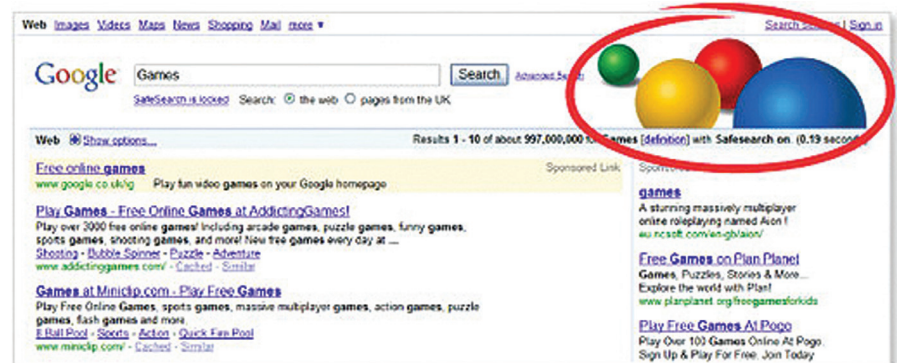
Google SafeSearch is a feature that lets you filter sexually explicit web sites and images from your search results. While no filter is 100% accurate, SafeSearch helps you avoid content you may prefer not to see or would rather your children did not stumble across.

SafeSearch gives you the choice of searching with a filter set to 'Strict', 'Moderate', or 'None'.

The default setting is 'Moderate' which excludes most explicit images from Google Images results but doesn't filter ordinary web search results.

You can change your SafeSearch settings at any time, and you can 'lock' SafeSearch to 'Strict'. The 'Strict' setting applies SafeSearch filtering to all your search results (ie both image search and ordinary web search).

When you lock SafeSearch, two things will change. First, you'll need to enter your password to change the setting. Second, the Google search results page will be visibly different to indicate that SafeSearch is locked:



Even from across the room, the coloured balls give parents and teachers a clear visual cue that SafeSearch is still locked. And if you don't see them, it's quick and easy to verify and re-lock SafeSearch.

How to lock Google SafeSearch

- To enable the lock, select Settings on the Google homepage and choose Search Settings.
- Scroll down to SafeSearch Filtering and click "Lock SafeSearch"
- You will be required to sign in.
- You will be asked to "Lock SafeSearch Filtering". This will set SafeSearch filtering to strict.
- The spinning icon indicates that SafeSearch is being set to strict and locked across Google domains.

You will need to do this in each of the browsers on your computer (each of Chrome, Firefox, Safari, Internet Explorer etc). The SafeSearch "lock" is browser-specific.

Once you are signed out of your Google account, your kids cannot log onto the same browser with their own Google account and change the preference. Only your account can change your "strict" setting for that browser. You'll be asked for your password if you want to unlock the preference.

We hope you and your family find exactly what you're looking for in Google search results — and nothing more.

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