

Overview

There are hundreds of photos and video sharing sites available on the Internet, but the most popular sites, such as YouTube and Flickr draw large numbers of children, especially teens. While these sites all offer a great deal of fun and useful content appropriate for children, many of them also openly host inappropriate content, including pornography. Unfortunately, parental control options for video and photo sharing sites are often poor. Most of these sites do not offer any meaningful controls over access to content, and stand-alone Internet parental control products such as Cyber Patrol or Net Nanny typically only offer the same “block everything or allow everything” choices as they do for social networks. If you are concerned about children accessing these sites, you should purchase either a filtering or monitoring parental control product, depending on if you want to manage these sites by filtering or by monitoring. Video market share from [Nielsen](#), photo market share from [ComScore](#).

We Recommend:

- Ages up to 7: Block these sites with a filter and redirect to age- appropriate sites like ZuiTube.com.
- Ages 8 to 11: Block these sites with a filter and redirect to age- appropriate sites like ZuiTube.com.
- Ages 10 to 13: Either block these sites with a filter, monitor user, or use under supervision.
- Ages 14 to 17: Monitor use as appropriate.

Important Features

- ✓ **Block Results.** Search engine does not show explicit results.
- ✓ **Block Words.** Search engine blocks the user from searching on explicit words or phrases.
- ✓ **Filter Settings.** Search engine offers a choice of filtering settings, typically “Strict,” “Moderate,” and “No Restrictions.”
- ✓ **Lock-In Settings.** Ability to lock the search settings so they cannot be overridden without a password.
- ✓ **Removes Explicit Content.** Site removes explicit content upon discovery.

Product Comparison	Blocks Words	Block Results	Filter settings	Removes Explicit Content	Account Required to view Explicit	Password Protect Settings	Lock-in Settings	Pre-screened Content
YouTube	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	Yes	Yes	No
Hulu	No	No	No	No	Yes	NA	NA	Yes
Facebook Videos	No	No	No	Yes	NA	NA	NA	No
Microsoft Videos	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No	No	No
Yahoo Video	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	NA	Yes	No
MySpace Video	No	No	No	Yes	NA	NA	NA	No
Photobucket	Yes	Yes	No	Yes	NA	NA	NA	No
Flickr	No	No	No	No	Yes	No	No	No
Picasa	No	No	No	No	No	No	NA	No
Webshots	No	No	No	Yes	NA	NA	NA	No