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Finding Internet Filters For Church Computers

Internet pornography is rampant and even individuals who are not looking for pornography can sometimes be surprised by its appearance on their computer screens. To protect your church from both intentional and unintentional exposure to Internet pornography, it is recommended that any computer system that is connected to the Internet be protected by an Internet filter.

Because new products are being released all of the time with a variety of features, the Kentucky Baptist Convention does not recommend any particular brand of filter. However, the tips below can help you quickly identify filter providers:

1. In your Internet browser, use a search engine such as Google, Yahoo or Live Search and type "Internet filters" into the search box. This will result in a list of several thousand filters.
2. Visit the Web site www.internetfilterreview.com. This source lists the current top 10 filters. The strengths and weaknesses of each filter are reviewed. Prices and contact information are also provided. Some Internet filtering products are free downloads.

Once an Internet filter has been installed, password access to adjust filter settings and logs should be restricted to a small church committee which meets periodically to check the logs and ensure the computers are being used properly.

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