

Securing Home Internet

Domain Name Services (DNS)

In a time where the internet has become a necessity rather than a need there also comes the need to protect our homes from the content that comes with it. Just as we would protect a small child from touching a hot stove, we need to protect them from the heated areas of the internet. Doing this from home can be somewhat burdensome as well. Some have enough knowledge to enable features in Windows to protect their family, while others may not have the time or knowledge to do so. Below you will find a few vetted products that are easy to use for a variety of skill levels. While these will not 100% protect us from wiles of the internet, they are a good start for anyone wanting to protect their home from unapproved content.

1. OpenDNS FAMILY SHIELD ([Detailed Instructions](#))

Cost: FREE

Coverage: Pre-configured to block adult content.

Configuration: Simple, easy to follow instructions for securing your whole home or a specific device.

Administration: None, set it once and leave it alone.

The content filtering is done automatically for "Adult" categorized sites. There is no way to edit or change the filtering. For more control or customized filtering, see the Open DNS Home option.

2. OpenDNS HOME ([Detailed Information & Link to Sign Up](#))

Cost: FREE

Coverage: Customizable content filtering.

Administration: Average, based on the desired level of granularity. Over 50 customizable filtering categories.

This is a customizable category selection solution, meaning the filtering can be catered to the user's needs and desired filtering.

3. OpenDNS VIP HOME ([Benefit Matrix & Link to Sign Up](#))

Cost: \$19.95/year

Coverage: Customizable content filtering with additional settings for blocking any domain or category.

Administration: Average, based on the desired level of granularity. Over 50 customizable filtering categories. Retention of visited sites for the past year for reporting. Ability to restrict allowed domains.

This is a fully customizable category selection solution, meaning the filtering can be catered to the user's needs and desired filtering.