

How to Add Safety Settings to Browsers and Google

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1. Internet Explorer

- a. On the menu bar, click on *Tools*, slide down to *Internet Options*
- b. Click on the *Security* tab
- c. Set the security level at Medium; if you have students using this same browser, I would set it at High. This will keep out most popups and disable downloading.

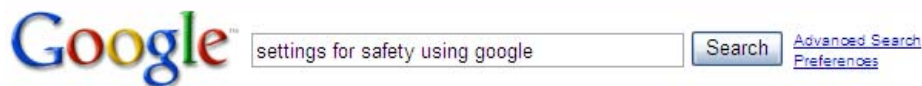
2. Mozilla and Netscape

- a. On the menu bar, click on *Edit* and slide down to *Preferences*,
- b. Click on the *Advanced* button
- c. Select *Scripts & Plugins*,
- d. uncheck *Navigator* under 'Enable Java for', and click *OK*

Safety settings for search engines:

1. Google

- a. Click on the *Preferences* link to the right of the search bar



- b. There are three levels from which to choose:¹

You can choose from among three SafeSearch settings:

- **Moderate filtering** excludes most explicit images from Google Image Search results but doesn't filter ordinary web search results. This is your default SafeSearch setting; you'll receive moderate filtering unless you change it.
- **Strict filtering** applies SafeSearch filtering to all your search results (i.e., both image search and ordinary web search).

And finally...

- **No Filtering**, as you've probably figured out, turns off SafeSearch filtering completely.
- c. I usually choose *Moderate filtering*; however, the more impulsive your students or the less close-monitoring you can do when students are using the browser, the tighter the filter should be is my recommendation.

¹Google support site,
<http://www.google.com/support/bin/static.py?page=searchguides.html&ctx=preferences&hl=en>