

Blocked websites in libraries

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Request

Does Christchurch City Council Libraries block some websites, of any type?

Does Christchurch City Council Libraries block online gambling websites?

Which online gambling websites are blocked?

Does Christchurch City Council Libraries block websites from which alcohol may be purchased?

What other types of websites are blocked?

Council Response

Council libraries provide public internet to enable access to current information in an electronic format and to enable people to participate in and contribute to their city and community. We use web content filtering to exclude illegal or violent content, including content that is racist, violent, indecent, or otherwise offensive. Customers are made aware of this through the [WiFi terms and conditions](#). The following categories are currently blocked by our web filtering tool:

- Adult & Nudity
- Violence, Hatred
- Dangerous File Extensions
- Harmful & Stealth

We do not block online gambling websites or websites from which alcohol can be purchased.

You may also be interested in our [Digital Technology in Libraries policy](#), which explores why and how libraries offer technology in libraries for the hapori | community.