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No More Free Porn in Germany

A local ISP blocks the access to adult material

The German Internet service provider Arcor took the decision to block the access to numerous porn websites because they provide weak security filters to restrict the under-18 users from visiting the page. As Philipp Lenssen from Google Blogoscoped wrote, Video Buster/ Kirchberg Logistik complained about the security features and the age verification so Arcor was somehow forced to ban the websites. It seems like the YouTube porn flavor YouPorn was among the restricted pages as well as Sex.com and another websites. Although some of the websites provide simple age verification functions such as drop-down menus which require the users to choose their birth date, they were all banned and new security improvements are expected soon. "We got hold of preliminary injunctions against the makers of these websites to either stop distribution in this country, or meet the requirements of German youth protection laws," an Arcor representative said for Spiegel.de, according to Google Blogoscoped. The pornographic domain has always been a controversial matter because some of the Internet users are accepting it while others are doing efforts to block the adult material. As the owner of the best search technology on the web, Google also designed a filter able to block the entire pornographic content displayed to the user or at least 99 percent of it. If you want to disable this filter you can visit the official page of Google, click on 'Preferences' and, in the 'SafeSearch Filtering' area choose 'Do not filter my search results'. Although the ISP blocked the access of its customers to the pornographic websites, it's extremely easy to access them using simple illegal methods. But what do you think about this decision? Do you think Arcor has the right to restrict the access to the websites providing adult material after a pornographic website complaint that the competition uses non-secure age verification methods? It sounds a little bit unfair to me...