Parental Control Certification

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Kaspersky Safe Kids Premium
for Windows

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Introduction

Amongst other things, parental control software allows parents to filter out websites that their children can see, in order to avoid the children being exposed to materials the parents consider unsuitable, such as pornography, gambling or weapons.

Parental Control Certification

AV-Comparatives provides certification for parental control software. In order to be certified, a product must block at least 98% of pornographic websites, have no more than a few false alarms on child-friendly websites, and have no severe unresolved bugs (or design flaws) discovered during the review. A certification is valid for one year and vendors can apply for certification once a year.

Kaspersky Safe Kids Premium for Windows reached the above requirements and therefore receives the 2017 AV-Comparatives Approved Parental Control Award.
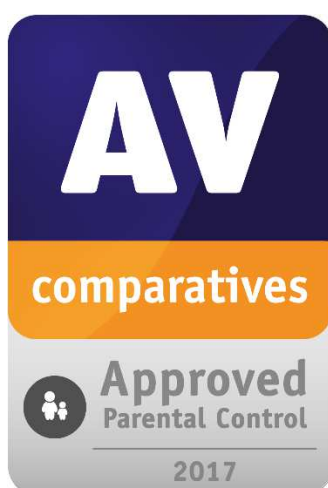
Parental Control Test

We tested the effectiveness of the parental control software against 2,000 websites with potentially inappropriate content for children. We chose the appropriate settings for a 9-year-old girl, which would block sites relating to pornography, gambling and weapons.

The 2000 URLs were broken down as follows:

- Pornography: 1,600 sites displaying pornographic images and text
- Gambling: 200 sites which allow online betting
- Weapons: 200 sites selling or advertising weapons online

We additionally tested 100 obviously child-friendly websites, such as lego.com, to check for false positives.

Review

We have included a short review of the product in this report, so that parents have an idea of what the product is like to use and what other features it has. Please note that certification is not affected by any of the points mentioned in the review, and is based solely on the technical test results described above.

Test results

	Block Rate
Adult	98,1%
Gambling	98%
Weapons	97%
False-Positives	0

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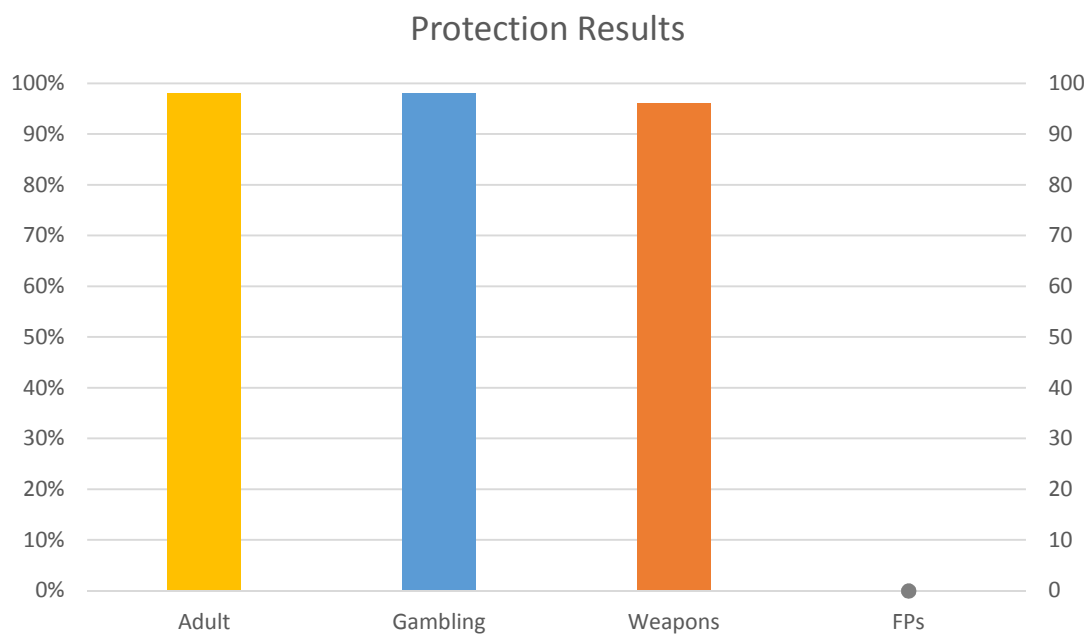
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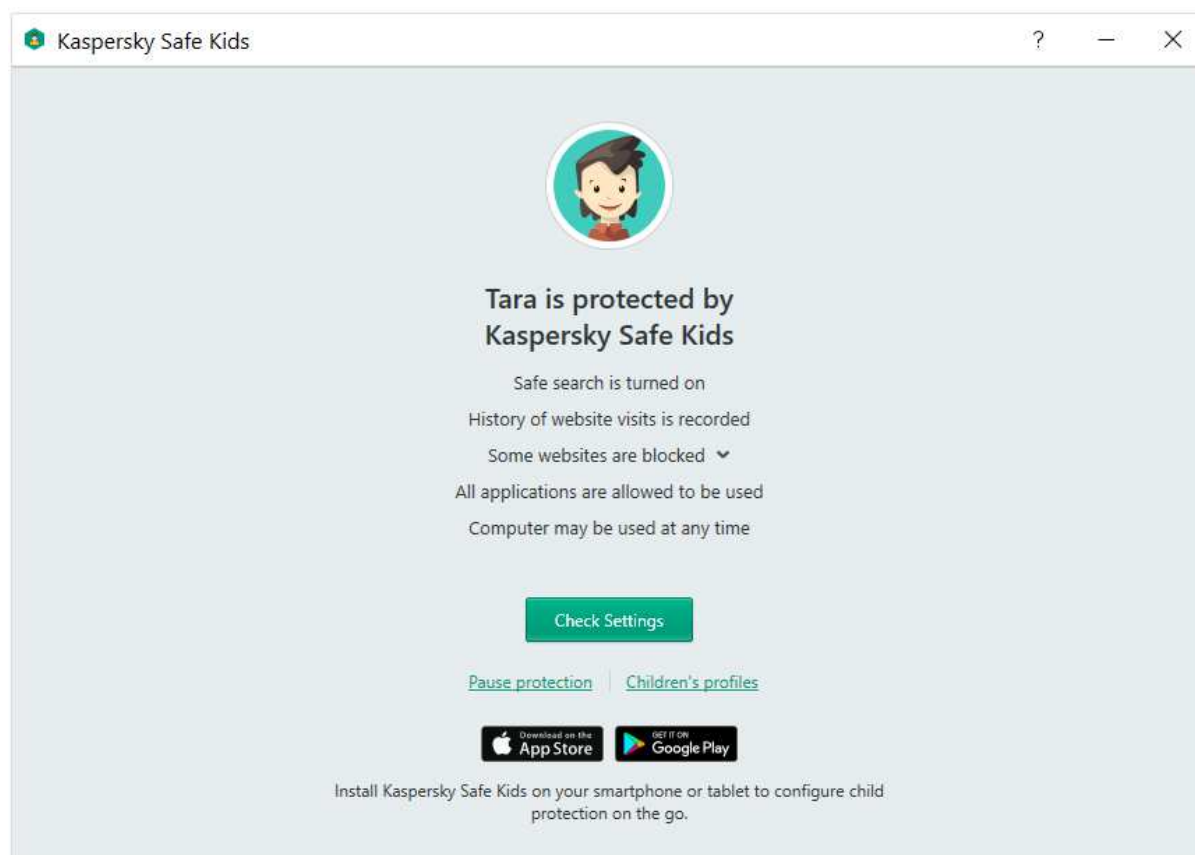
About the product

Kaspersky Safe Kids is a parental control product for Windows PCs, Mac, Android and iOS devices. There is a single web interface for all platforms, so you can manage PCs, tablets and mobile phones in the same place. The Windows version applies restrictions on the basis of Windows user accounts; this means that if you and your children log on to a family computer with different names, you can apply restrictions to them but not yourself.

Version tested

1.0.2.349 (a)

Which versions of Windows does it work with?

Windows XP, Vista, 7, 8, 8.1, 10

What parental control features does it have?

Safe Kids Premium includes child's device location monitoring, call and text-message monitoring, Internet monitoring and blocking of inappropriate material, time limits, application control, and social network monitoring.

What categories of material does it block?
The categories that can be filtered, and their default settings, are shown below:

Installing and configuring the product
Installing the product on a Windows PC involves downloading and running the installer file and clicking *Install*. The configuration wizard then asks you whether the PC is used by parents, children or both; in the latter case, it will remind you that children need to log on with their own user names (user accounts) before using the computer:

Blacklisting/whitelisting individual sites

The *Exclusions* section of the Internet settings page lets parents specify individual sites in a blocked category to be allowed, or vice versa:

Time limits

You can monitor the time your child spends using the computer, or set time limits to restrict access. Time limits can be a total number of hours per day, whereby each day of the week can be configured individually, or a precise access schedule can be set, as shown below:
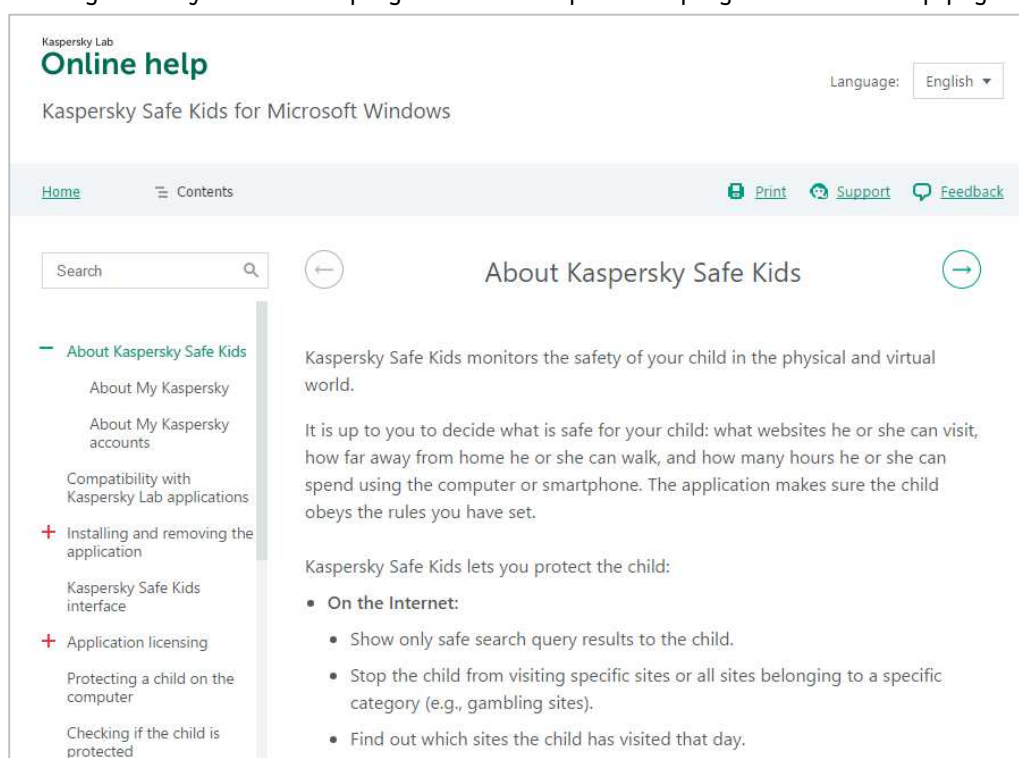
What does the child see when a page is blocked?
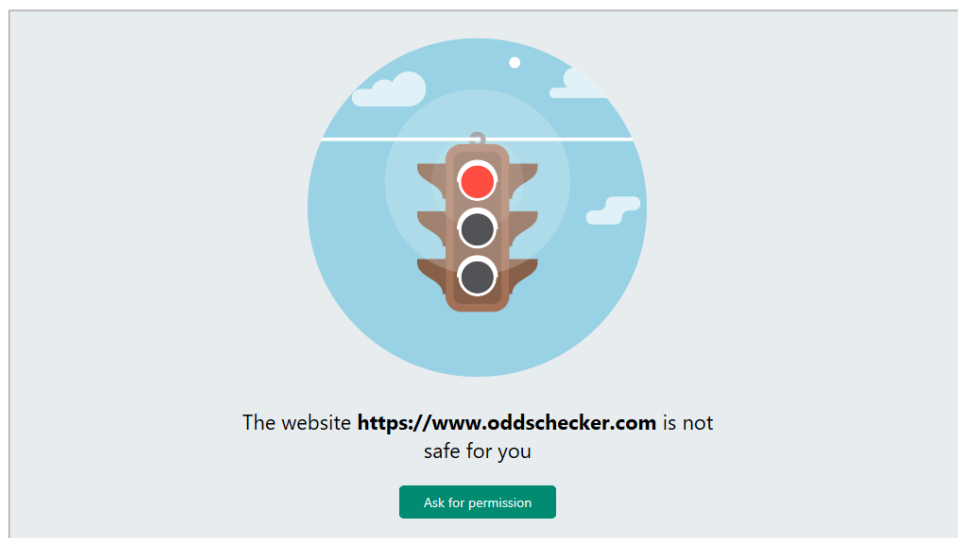
Help

Clicking the *?* symbol in the program window opens the program's online help pages:

Verdict

Kaspersky Safe Kids for Windows is a very comprehensive package with a wide range of features. We found the web interface to be very clearly laid out and easy to use, whilst providing a very good range of functions.

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