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## ARTS CORNER Riverside Art and Music Festival

*Contributed by Rachael Dzikonski, Executive Director – Riverside Arts Council*

Fall in Southern California means cooler evenings, golden sunsets, and of course, the return of festival season. Riverside is buzzing with energy this month as the community comes together to celebrate art, music, and culture in a big way. It all kicks off with Riverside Artswalk on the first Thursday, when local galleries and museums open their doors staying open late free of charge, and Main Street comes alive with more than 120 artisan vendors sharing their handmade original works. On September 20, Mucho Gusto Fest brings food, music, and plenty of flavor to the heart of the city. And on September 27, the season reaches its highlight with the Riverside Art & Music Festival – a full day of live performances, art installations, and family-friendly fun that truly captures the creative spirit of Riverside.

The annual Riverside Art & Music Festival was created in partnership with the Riverside Downtown Partnership, combining the Riverside Arts Council’s former Mayor’s Ball for the Arts with the Summer Street Jam. Today in its 7th year, it stands as one of the city’s most anticipated cultural events, designed to provide free access to the arts while shining a spotlight on the nonprofit arts organizations, culture bearers, and visual and performing artists who make Riverside the arts and cultural epicenter of the Inland Empire.

This year’s festival will feature more than a dozen local arts organizations, 50 artisan vendors, and community performances ranging from dance and theater to vocal and musical showcases – followed by an eclectic lineup of bands, many of whom got their start in Riverside. Attendees can also enjoy hands-on art activities, carnival games,

an opportunity drawing, and new interactive elements that invite the whole family to create, connect, and celebrate together.

While the Riverside Art & Music Festival is free to attend, it also serves as a vital fundraiser for the Riverside Arts Council. Every dollar raised supports the Council’s mission to ensure free access to the arts for the community, while also providing critical resources to local artists and arts and cultural organizations. By joining the festivities, you’re not just enjoying a day of music and creativity – you’re helping sustain the programs and opportunities that keep Riverside’s arts community thriving.

Join us in the heart of Downtown Riverside for the 2025 Riverside Art & Music Festival, a family-friendly celebration of arts, culture, and community. The music lineup kicks off with the Riverside Concert Band, followed by Badsoma, Auditory Cortex, and The Good Daze, with the legendary Voodoo Glow Skulls headlining the evening. Alongside the performances, festival-goers can shop from local artists and makers, experience community theater and spoken word, and participate in workshops and activities that highlight the power of creativity.

For more information about the Riverside Art & Music Festival visit [www.riversideartscouncil.com](http://www.riversideartscouncil.com) or [@riversideartandmusicfestival](https://www.instagram.com/riversideartandmusicfestival) on IG.

## Also this fall –

**Mucho Gusto 2025:** A music festival without borders on Saturday, September 20th from 3 pm to 11 pm at North Park. Back for a third year, this vibrant celebration will feature mouth-watering delights from an array of local food vendors, including delectable Vegan dishes, Tacos de Canasta, savory Pupusas, and more, plus a Beer Garden. Attendees can explore a treasure trove of over 40 unique art vendors and more than 20 breathtaking Art Installations scattered throughout the park. They can also dance, sing, smash piñatas, and dive into a world of artistic wonders. Visit <https://www.muchogustofest.com/> for more information and how to buy tickets.

## RDP LUNCHEON

Join us for the RDP luncheon at  
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# Mayor's Message

Contributed by Mayor Patricia Lock Dawson

## Riverside's Bold Vision for 2050: Building a Safer, Smarter, More Creative City

If you've felt energy around town lately, you're not imagining it. Across Riverside momentum is building in job creation, housing, infrastructure, public safety, and culture. We're investing in our future while honoring what makes us such a special place: our people, our neighborhoods, and our shared values.

But we're not leaving our future to chance. We're making strategic investments, strengthening partnerships, and most important, ensuring that our progress reflects the hopes and needs of our residents.

Public safety remains central to that vision. Riverside's crime rate is down 25%, a result of strategic investments like our Real-Time Crime Center, the Inland SoCal Fusion Center, and an expanded drone program that helps first responders act quickly. At the same time, the state has designated over 13,000 new parcels in Riverside as high fire-risk areas. To keep pace with the growing risk, we are modernizing our Fire Department with updated practices, equipment, and training to protect lives, homes, and neighborhoods.

We've also reached a turning point in our efforts to address homelessness. After years of steady increases, homelessness Riverside has stabilized, and we've helped more people into shelter than ever before. Even more significantly, we've reached a milestone that few cities can claim: ending youth homelessness. That progress is being powered by new developments like the Aspire which provides supportive housing for youth exiting foster care; new legal realities like the passage of Proposition 36 and the U.S. Supreme Court ruling known as the Grants' Pass decision; and new state investments like a 100-bed acute care psychiatric facility in our region. Each of these steps moves us closer to real, lasting solutions in addressing the most pressing challenge of our time

We've also declared 2025 the Year of Arts and Culture and officially launched our new Arts & Culture District in the downtown core. More than a name, the ACD is a statement that our creativity defines us. The vibrant Lime Street bridge mural, currently in progress, is just one visible sign of that. And we're continuing to invest, not just in the arts, but in economic development too.

We're building like never before creating a Riverside for everyone. Our Museum of Riverside is being rehabilitated and expanded, a new Eastside Library is under construction, the César Chávez Community Center is being renovated, the historic Harada House is being restored, and a new gym is rising at Bordwell Park. And to support our growing public safety needs, we're building a brand-new police headquarters. We're doing all this the Riverside way: bold, inclusive, and community-driven.

In 2024, we saw \$390 million in new construction, welcomed 13,500 new jobs, and celebrated 1,600 new businesses. Companies like Ohmio, Voltu, GreenPower, Hyundai Rotem, and Stored Power Technology are choosing Riverside because we are emerging as a national hub for clean transportation and advanced green technology. This is a strategic shift that positions our city at the center of a new economy and resilient future.

We're also bringing that momentum to historic commercial corridors. In neighborhoods like Mag Center in Midtown and Arlington Village, we're working closely with local business leaders to reinvest in places like Magnolia, Brockton, and Central Avenues. These aren't just streets, they are memories and places that hold the history and heart of our community. Their revitalization reflects a deeper reinvestment in Riverside's character and the pride we take in where we're from.

Additionally, private investment is creating new centers of excellence in healthcare. Riverside Community Hospital is undertaking a \$1 billion expansion that will add 770 beds, a reconfigured emergency room, and much-needed hospital parking. UC Riverside has announced plans for a new teaching hospital that will bring 280 beds, outpatient clinics, research, and residency training to our region. Together, these major initiatives represent more than 1,000 new beds and a generational leap forward in healthcare access for our residents.

All of this leads to an important question: What kind of city do we want Riverside to be in 2050? Through the Riverside 2050 General Plan Update, every resident has the opportunity to answer that. Share your ideas at [Riverside2050.com](https://Riverside2050.com) by taking part in the interactive mapping activity. This isn't just a planning document, it's our future.

Riverside has long been a leader in education, economic development, and culture. Through intentional and strategic planning and investment, we not only preserve that leadership, we're creating our future...a future tailor-made to optimize it.

## RDP Welcomes New Businesses to Downtown

- Airballingie (Sporting)
- Altaris Aeromedia (Misc. Services)
- Inner Stride Management (Counseling)
- Juju Massage (Misc. Health)
- Massage Services Only
- Mount Bristlecone Health
- Riverside Legal Aid

# Council Corner

Contributed by Councilmember Philip Falcone



## Ward One Council Update Large-scale Developments Planned for Northside will Benefit Downtown

The City of Riverside, through private investment, is working to bring transformational development to the Northside—just a few blocks away from Downtown. In February the City Council

entered into an Exclusive Negotiating Agreement (ENA) with Adrenaline Sports Resorts for the planning of an adventure park



at the site of the former golf course at Main and Columbia. These 126 acres will include white water rafting, skating, biking, a wave pool, housing, and shopping. Fire Station 6 and Reid Park which both border this property will be preserved in place. Traffic and environmental studies are underway for this project now.

In mid-August another development opportunity arose for the property slightly north of the former golf course—the former Ab Brown Sports Complex. Near the corner of Main and Placentia,

this complex was first constructed in 1985 and in 1994 was named after former Mayor Albert “Ab” Brown. It functioned as an 18-field complex until COVID-19. Since then it has sat unused. The City Council has entered into an ENA with GCS Development to transform these 56 acres into a sports and entertainment district with a soccer stadium, soccer fields, outdoor concert venue, park land, shopping, and housing. The two development proposals complement each other well, making the Northside a sports and outdoor recreational capital of the region.

Questions about traffic, environmental, density, architectural style, access, exact amenities on each site are valid but we are too early in the process to have all those answered—but all will come in time. At this juncture the City has committed to both developers that they have the exclusive opportunity to negotiate their respective deals to bring these projects to life. Ultimately, these ENAs give the developers a sense of security knowing that monies they invest in plans and studies will be worth it because the City will not shop around for over developers for the same sites. If all goes well we hope to have one, if not both projects under construction by end of 2026.

This economic development boom coming to the Northside benefits Downtown as well. The Northside abuts Downtown and visitors to these sites will stay in Downtown hotels and dine and shop at Downtown businesses.

Community meetings on both projects are being planned for this fall. Stay in the loop on these projects and other exciting developments by following along on my social media pages @ CouncilmemberFalcone on Instagram and Councilmember Philip Falcone on Facebook.

# Council Corner

Contributed by Councilmember Clarissa Cervantes



## Ward Two Council Update

**Patterson Park Groundbreaking:** On Thursday, August 7th, I had the pleasure of attending the groundbreaking ceremony for the new and improved Patterson Park! This park is a testament to community engagement, and features items like a walking trail and splash pad that members of the neighborhood specifically requested when asked what they

wanted their local park to look like. Project completion will be in 2026.

**Bordwell Park Gymnasium Groundbreaking:** On Thursday, August 28th my team and I had the honor of attending another groundbreaking, this time for the Bordwell Park Gymnasium! I am so thrilled that this long-awaited project is now shovel ready and can't wait for the residents of the Eastside to have their very own gymnasium!

**Dario Vasquez Park Grand Re-Opening:** Mark your calendars and join us at Dario Vasquez Park for a grand re-opening ceremony! This beloved park received some much needed upgrades with awesome new playground improvements. Join us on Wednesday, September 3rd, at 3:30 pm to celebrate! Located at 4309 Sedgwick Ave, Riverside, CA 92507.

**SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library Update:** At the August Council meeting, the Council approved a \$17.7 million construction contract for the SPC Jesus S. Duran Eastside Library project. We will be breaking ground on Saturday, September 6th, at 10 am! Please join us at the new home of the Eastside Library to celebrate this huge milestone. Located at Bobby Bonds Park, 2060 University Avenue, Riverside CA 92507.

**Community Workshops:** During the second week of August, my office in partnership with local community organizations CHIRLA & IC4IJ hosted a series of Know Your Rights and Community Organizing workshops. We are working with CHIRLA to create a workshop for our local businesses on how they can show up for their employees and what to know when federal agencies approach their business. We will make sure to share this information once it is available. Feel free to reach out to my office if you have any questions about this workshop series. Be sure to stay tuned for more!

If you are interested in learning more about any of the projects or events in Ward 2, please call my office at 951-826-5419 or email me at ccervantes@riversideca.gov.

**Hoping that you enjoy the last few weeks of summer in our beautiful city!**

# BUSINESS BUZZ

## Riverside Businesses - Let's RISE Together!

The City of Riverside's Community & Economic Development Department is here to support you through **RISE – Riverside's Initiative for Sustaining Entrepreneurs**.

RISE is a free program designed to connect directly with local businesses like yours. Through on-site visits, City staff listen to your needs, share available resources, and explore opportunities to help your business thrive. Think of us as your "friendly face at City Hall" – ready to connect you with the right people, programs, and partners.

### How It Works:

- Schedule a RISE visit at your business.

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Together, we're building a stronger business community – one conversation at a time.

## How to Create Your Own Email Domain: A Complete Guide *by Amanda Hoffman*

Create a professional email identity by setting up your custom email domain. This guide walks you through every step to get your personalized email address up and running.

Creating your own email domain is a powerful way to establish a professional and trustworthy identity for your business or personal brand. Instead of relying on generic email services like Gmail or Yahoo, a custom email domain lets you send emails from [yourname@yourdomain.com](mailto:yourname@yourdomain.com) – boosting your credibility and leaving a strong first impression.

We'll explain everything you need to know to create your email domain. From the step-by-step process of setting one up to a detailed look at the costs involved, you'll have all the tools you need to get started quickly and efficiently.

### What is an email domain name?

An email domain name is the portion of your email address after the @ symbol, representing the unique identity of your email service. For example, in [john@yourbusiness.com](mailto:john@yourbusiness.com), "yourbusiness.com" is the email domain. It's linked to a website domain but specifically used for email purposes.

"It doesn't look professional if you are a real business with a Gmail, AOL [or] Yahoo account," said Brian Minick, chief operating officer at ZeroBounce. "It doesn't appear to be a well-established business. It gives the persona of a one-man shop or just a not mature business."

Having a custom business email address offers many benefits. It reinforces your brand's professionalism, increases trust among customers and helps ensure your emails don't get lost in spam folders. A personalized email address also makes it easier for clients and partners to recognize and remember your contact info.

### Did You Know?

According to Statista, Gmail dominates the U.S. email market, with 75 percent of email users having a Gmail account. That's far ahead of Yahoo Mail (31 percent) and Microsoft Outlook/Hotmail (25 percent).

### How to create a custom email domain step-by-step

Creating your own email domain might seem complex, but by following these simple steps, you can set up your personalized

business email address quickly.

1. Choose and register your domain name: Select a business domain name that reflects your brand or personal identity and check if it's available. Register it with a reputable domain registrar such as GoDaddy, Namecheap or Google Domains. Keep the name short, memorable and relevant to your business.
2. Select an email hosting provider: Choose an email host that supports custom domains. Popular options include Google Workspace, Microsoft 365 and Zoho Mail.
3. Set up domain name system (DNS) records: After choosing your host, update your domain's DNS settings. This involves mail exchange (MX) records that tell the internet where to deliver your email. Your email hosting provider will provide instructions to add these records via your domain registrar's control panel.
4. Create your custom email addresses: Once hosting is configured, create email accounts like [info@yourdomain.com](mailto:info@yourdomain.com), [support@yourdomain.com](mailto:support@yourdomain.com) or [yourname@yourdomain.com](mailto:yourname@yourdomain.com). These addresses are hosted on your chosen email platform, letting you send and receive email professionally.
5. Test and start using your email: Verify that your new email addresses send and receive mail properly. Update your contacts, website, business cards and marketing materials to feature your branded email address and begin building credibility.

### FYI

According to a 2025 ZeroBounce survey, 64 percent of people check email on their phones and tablets, which shows the importance of optimizing email marketing campaigns for mobile.

### Best practices for setting up custom email domains

Minick recommends the following tips and best practices when creating, setting up and using custom email domains:

- **Choose a reputable registrar:** Use a trusted service like GoDaddy to search for and register your preferred domain name.
- **Secure your domain quickly:** If the domain isn't taken, buy it immediately. Others may try to purchase it and resell it at a

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higher price.

- **Avoid cheap, low-quality registrars:** Where you purchase your domain matters. Some low-cost registrars are often associated with spammers and could harm your brand reputation.
- **Pick a clean domain name:** Don't use hyphens, and aim for a familiar extension like .com or .net.
- **Warm up your domain slowly:** Avoid sending email blasts to paid lists right after purchasing. Build a quality email list and scale up gradually to avoid spam folders.
- **Plan for future growth:** Use a consistent naming convention (e.g., first initial plus last name) to avoid duplicate email addresses as your team grows.

### Tip

Use one of the best email marketing services with your new custom email domain for email campaigns, email newsletters and surveys that get strong open rates.

### Average pricing for a custom email domain

Setting up a custom email domain involves several costs, including domain registration and email hosting. Minick cautions that while companies might save money with less common top-level domains (TLDs) or domain extensions, they won't build the same level of trust with consumers.

"I always recommend people try to get a .com or .net," Minick said. "I would recommend staying away from .shop or .xyz because it goes back to the perception of how mature this business is."

Your overall costs will vary after taking the TLD into account, along with any other domain email features you want for your business. Pricing will also depend on the providers you choose.

Here's a quick breakdown of some typical costs you can expect:

Item	Typical price range	Notes
<b>Domain registration</b>	\$4.99 to \$9.99 per year	Cost depends on the domain extension (.com, .net, .org, etc.).
<b>Domain name</b>	\$10 to \$20 per year	Price varies depending on your registrar, registration period and any additional features.
<b>Domain privacy protection</b>	\$15 per year	This protection is sometimes included for free with web hosting plans and eligible domains.
<b>Email hosting</b>	\$1.99 to \$200 per month	Pricing varies by provider and features, with some plans offering free email hosting.
<b>Additional features</b>	\$15 to \$20	Extra storage, advanced security, collaboration tools and other options add to the cost.

Note the following additional pricing considerations:

- Domain registration is a yearly fee paid to keep your domain name active.
- Pricing depends on the popularity and extension of the domain you choose.
- Email hosting charges cover the service that manages sending, receiving and storing your emails.
- Providers often offer scalable plans depending on user count and storage needs.
- Setup fees vary, so check with your chosen providers to be sure about what you're paying.
- Adding enhanced security features or increasing your storage allotment will likely increase your overall costs.

### Did You Know?

It's important to check your domain registrar's registration periods. Most require a minimum one-year term, but some offer discounts for committing to longer periods.

### Sample pricing from top providers

The following providers can accommodate custom domains and may be worth considering. Here's how they compare:

Provider	Pricing	Best for
<b>Google Workspace</b>	Starts at \$7 per user, per month (paid annually)	Businesses that already use the Google ecosystem or want a strong cloud-based solution
<b>Microsoft 365</b>	Starts at \$6 per user, per month (paid annually, Microsoft 365 Business Basic plan)	Companies that already use the Microsoft Office ecosystem
<b>Zoho Mail</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Free for up to five users (email hosting for one domain and 5GB storage per user)</li> <li>• Paid plans start at \$3 per user, per month (billed annually)</li> </ul>	Companies on a budget
<b>Proton-Mail</b>	Starts at \$6.99 per user, per month (billed annually, Mail Essentials plan for businesses)	Small businesses that are privacy-focused
<b>Fastmail</b>	Starts at \$4 per user, per month	Companies that prioritize privacy
<b>IceWarp</b>	Starts at \$23 per month for up to 10 users	Businesses that need extensive storage capacity
<b>MXroute</b>	Starts at \$49 per year	Companies that want low-cost domains

Source: <https://www.business.com/articles/create-custom-email-domain/>

# SECURITY CORNER

## How to Block Websites From Employee Use *by Stella Morrison*

*If you want to protect your business, you can restrict employee internet usage by setting up content blockers. Here's how.*

How to block a website on an Android device

While some businesses give their employees free rein over the internet, doing so isn't always the wisest decision. Certain websites can impede employee productivity and even leave your company vulnerable to cyber security threats, intentional or otherwise. One solution is to block employee access to inappropriate, harmful or unproductive websites. This process can be done through employee monitoring software, as well as browser settings and extensions.

### How to restrict employee internet use

If you plan to create restrictions, here are a few tips to follow:

#### 1. Be transparent with employees.

If you decide to restrict websites, make sure to maintain employee transparency by openly telling your staff. You should explain what websites and categories you're restricting and why. Your employees will appreciate the transparency and won't waste time contacting IT if they have problems accessing a blocked website.

Ralph Labarta, chief technology officer at Engage PEO, recommended including the information in an internet use policy. "The policy should include a protocol for accessing sites that are blocked but may need legitimate access, a warning that attempting to thwart site restrictions is a violation of the policy and a warning that all site activities are monitored."

If you're considering blocking social media websites, create a social media policy first and step in only if a problem arises, suggested Jonathan Prichard, founder and CEO of MattressInsider. "Instead of restricting access, create a companywide social media policy," he said. "This document should include guidelines for what you expect in terms of time spent on social media sites during office hours. Give them the structure [and] allow them to make decisions for themselves."

Internet and social media use can collectively be addressed in your overall acceptable use policy. This policy can also cover guidelines for things like software installation, personal device usage and overall consequences.

#### 2. Use a browser extension.

The easiest way to block a website or category of websites on Google Chrome or Mozilla Firefox is with BlockSite. With this browser add-on, you can block specific websites, such as Facebook, adult websites or URLs that contain specific words.

BlockSite also works on Chrome's incognito mode. If you're worried that your employees will access BlockSite to manage blocked websites, you can set up a password to limit access.

#### 3. Use employee monitoring software.

For a more extreme solution, consider utilizing employee monitoring software, which can track employee activity such

as website usage, downloads and installations, print activity, and idle time; you can even log employee keystrokes. If you are concerned about data breaches and network security, consider reading our Teramind review, our best pick for protecting your business and employees against security threats.

Some of the best employee monitoring software also offers content-filtering features that allow you to regulate websites and certain topics, such as weapons, drugs and nudity. You can also block individual websites by manually adding them to the list of prohibited websites. In addition, you can create notifications and alerts that are triggered when an employee browses restricted content.

#### 4. Block websites from the Wi-Fi network.

If you have many employees or your employees regularly use multiple devices, it may be best to block websites from being accessed via your company's Wi-Fi network. This way, these settings apply to all people on the network, and you don't have to keep updating individual devices.

Employees are just one of the many potential cyber risks to be aware of. Blocking specific activity, instilling usage protocols and maintaining secure procedures can help reduce internal and external threats.

#### How to block a website in Google Chrome

Blocking websites in Chrome is not part of the regular installation process, but it is possible. Here are step-by-step instructions on how to block a website in Chrome using BlockSite:

1. Go to the Chrome website and visit the BlockSite Extensions.
2. On the top right of the page, click Add to Chrome.
3. Click Add Extension to confirm the installation of the extension.
4. With the extension installed, you can start blocking by simply right-clicking on the webpage you wish to block.
5. Next, click on "Block this website" via the context-menu item.
6. That website is now blocked – the whole domain, not just the URL.

#### How to block a website in Firefox

There are also ways to block websites in Firefox, even though it does not come with the default installation. Here are step-by-step instructions on how to block a website on Firefox using BlockSite:

1. From the list of menus at the top of the browser, select Add-ons and Themes.
2. Look for a search bar in the top-right corner. Type "BlockSite" into the search bar. The top result should be the BlockSite add-on. Click on the name or description. Next, click "Add to Firefox."
3. After the program is installed, you can block a site by

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accessing the BlockSite icon that appears in the top right corner of the page.

4. Click "Edit block list", then enter the website URL you want to block and click "Add page."
5. That website is now blocked.

### How to block a website in Safari

Macs with parental control features can block websites on the Safari browser, which comes preinstalled on Apple devices.

Here's how to access this menu:

1. Navigate to the Apple logo in the upper left corner of the screen.
2. Select System Preferences and then Screen Time.
3. Next, click on Content & Privacy. You will then be given a list of options for restricting web content. Click on "Limit Adult Websites." If there is a particular website you wish to block, click on the "Customize" button. You can then enter the URL you wish to block.
4. Finally, click the OK button to save your settings.
5. That website is now blocked.

You can also use a firewall or antivirus system, or block websites at the Wi-Fi network level instead of the individual device level, depending on the computer's location and the browser you're using.

### How to block a website in Microsoft Edge

The Microsoft Edge browser is preinstalled on many Windows computers, and you can adjust these browser settings to block or restrict certain websites. Notably, these settings are geared toward parental controls, so the navigation refers to "adult" and "child" accounts. To block sites on Microsoft Edge, follow these steps:

1. Ensure you are logged in to the "adult" Microsoft account, which modifies the child's Microsoft account.
2. Visit [family.microsoft.com](https://family.microsoft.com).
3. Find the account in question on the Your Family page and select it.
4. Navigate to the section labeled "Content filters."
5. Turn on "Filter inappropriate websites."
6. Under "Blocked Sites," add the URL for the website you wish to block.
7. That website is now blocked.

In addition to using these settings, you can install an antivirus system, block sites at the Wi-Fi network level or use a firewall. The best setting for your needs depends on the control you need and the browser being used. These options may be better for establishing settings across multiple devices or accounts. You can also modify each computer to block websites through administrator settings, but this may be too complicated or advanced for some users.

### How to block a website on an iPhone or iPad

You can configure an iPhone or iPad to block websites that fit your criteria. For example, you can block all adult websites or only specific keywords.

Here's how to block websites:

1. Open the Settings app.
2. Scroll down to select Screen Time.

3. Go to Content & Privacy Restrictions.
4. Tap the button at the top of this menu to turn on Content & Privacy Restrictions if it's not already selected.
5. Go to Content Restrictions and tap that menu item.
6. Scroll down to Web Content and tap to limit adult websites or provide a list of allowed websites.

Here's how to block searches:

1. Follow steps 1 through 5 above.
2. Instead of scrolling down to the Web Content section of the menu, tap the Web Search Content and Explicit Language menus. From there, you can disallow web search content or web searches that use explicit language.

Don't forget to set a password to ensure that the settings cannot be undone without your permission.

Bottom line is that there are tools and settings that allow you to block websites on whatever devices and browsers your employees are using. Be sure your company policy around internet use covers all devices that will be connected to the business's network.

### How to block a website on an Android device

Android devices can block undesirable websites and searches in several ways. Some of these methods are more technologically advanced than others. Because Android devices utilize the Chrome browser, you can adjust those settings on each device. There are also apps that enforce these restrictions on the device. Here are your options:

- **Browser extension:** You can download and install BlockSite on the Google Chrome browser. Search for BlockSite in the browser extension area, and follow the instructions to install it.
- **Antivirus software:** Some antivirus software that can be installed on an Android device doubles as a website blocker.
- **Firewall:** One of the more technologically advanced options is to install a firewall that blocks access to unwanted content on both Wi-Fi and data networks.

Source: <https://www.business.com/articles/how-to-block-websites/>

## Notice:

Unfortunately delays in mailing the BID Bulletin do occur and we apologize for the delay in the August 2025 BID Bulletin. RDP does post the Downtown Event Calendar, the Convention Center calendar, and the BID Bulletin in PDF form on both the RDP website and the RDP Facebook page as soon as we receive the files. So please do check our website and social media near the end of the month for the calendars and the BID Bulletin. Thank you.



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