

Comments from Netlog

Adult - minor contacts

Netlog feels that making the accounts of minors out of reach for all adults is not the best solution. Banning all contacts between adults and underage users would mean that parents could not control their children's activity on the site. Such situations would be counterproductive as far as the minor's safety is concerned.

However, this does not mean we simply allow adult - minor contacts without any **restrictions**. We do think that contacts between adults and minors should be subject to some stricter guidelines. This is why we have introduced a set of features that support and maintain security by making it more difficult for adults to contact minors and, at the same time, easier for minors to reject such contacts or remain out of reach for adults.

Minor profiles are **closed by default**, meaning that only Netlog members can view them. Minors can easily choose to make the general access to their profiles even more limited (only for people of their own age, only for friends...) or **blacklist** specific people. On Netlog, you can see who visited your profile - a feature that is especially popular amongst youngsters - so it is easy to block specific people from visiting your profile again.

Adults cannot set their **search** filters for minors (anybody that is under 18). Thanks to this regulation it is impossible for any adult to see minors in the search results and browse their profiles freely.

By default, Netlog members see content from people of their own age and location. Only if you manually change your homepage **filter**, you will see people from different ages and locations. This means that minors will automatically see only minors, unless they change the filter themselves. Adults can change their filter settings as well, but they cannot set it for minors.

Adults who come across a minor's profile while browsing Netlog are **warned** and given an option to resign from visiting the minor. Even if they reach the profiles of minors, they are not shown the **IM details** and are restricted from posting comments, guestbook entries or sending private messages. When adults send friend requests to minors, they cannot provide any custom text to encourage the minor to accept the request.

Basically, unless an adult is a friend of the minor he's visiting, he cannot go into **any interaction** with the minor.

Already implemented changes

- Cache issues when blocking pictures
- Making all alcohol brands inaccessible for minors
- Launching security centre on all language versions of Netlog

Planned changes

- Hide minors' locations and schools for adults
- Disable searching for first names of minors by adults