

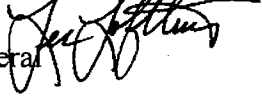


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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE EMPLOYEES

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SUBJECT: Prohibiting Use of Anonymizer Sites and Services

Most Department of Justice employees have access to the Internet through their desktop workstations. The Internet provides ready access to information sources and processes that can expedite and enhance the work of Department employees. In recent months, in reaction to emerging cyber threats to Department systems and networks, we have planned for and implemented new technologies to provide defensive measures against these threats. Some of these technologies provide greater control to block malicious and inappropriate web sites and monitor the health and security of the Department's systems and networks.

Some Department employees currently access web sites through the use of third party anonymous web sites, which allow users to browse the Internet using specialized anonymizer software, circumventing existing Department network controls. Anonymizer sites are frequently sources of malicious code, and their use can result in serious harm to the employee's workstation and Department systems.

Effective immediately, use of network anonymizer sites and services on Department networks is prohibited. Enhanced network security controls will be implemented to block usage of anonymizer sites and services. Department employees who have a valid law enforcement need for anonymous Internet browsing should use systems within their components that have been developed for this requirement and/or contact their component Chief Information Officer (CIO).

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