



Immediately Installing a Filter

4. If someone purchases a computer, tablet, etc., that has (or is capable of having) internet access, **he is obligated to immediately install a good filter**. He should not use the device before installing the filter.

This is both because of the prohibition to own an improper item (as discussed previously) and because of *Chazal's* statement (*Kesuvos 13b; Chullin 11a; Niddah 30b*), “*Ein apitropos l'arayos*,” which means that no one is guaranteed to emerge unscathed when it comes to matters of indecency. In several places, *Chazal* describe how a person must distance himself from a spiritual challenge as much as possible. When someone owns such a device, it is certain that he is facing such a challenge.

The facts show that when a filter is not immediately installed on a device, time can drag on before one is installed and, sometimes, it never gets done and no filter is ever put on. Even when a filter is eventually installed, it is often too late, as the individual already had a downfall while his device was unfiltered, and he has reached a level where the filter will not be able to help him. (See *Shu"t Chasam Sofer YD 75*)