

Nominet operates at the heart of the UK internet infrastructure, responsible for running the .UK domain. We work with law enforcement agencies to help protect internet users from criminality online.



CRIMINAL ACTIVITY

Nominet expressly prohibits .UK domains from being used for any unlawful purpose. When alerted by law enforcement agencies, we work quickly with our registrars to suspend domains. Suspended domains cannot be used as part of website or email addresses.



1. Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU)
2. Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)
3. National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB)
4. Trading Standards
5. National Crime Agency (NCA)
6. Fraud And Linked Crime Online
7. Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)
8. The Counter Terrorism Internet Referral Unit (CTIRU)
9. Veterinary Medicines Directorate (DEFRA)
10. Ministry of Defence Police

over 13 million

.UK domains registered



28,937

domains suspended for criminal activity (compared to 32,813 in the previous year)

RANGE OF LEGISLATION CITED FOR SUSPENSION REQUESTS INCLUDED:

- Fraud Act 2006
- Trade Marks Act 1994
- Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988
- Human Medicines Regulations 2012
- Medical Device Regulations 2002
- Consumer Protection from Unfair Trading Regulations 2008
- The Electronic Commerce Regulations 2002
- The Consumer Contracts Regulations 2013
- Financial Services and Markets Act 2000

BREAKDOWN BY REQUESTING AGENCY

Total number of requests - 28,953



Medicines and Healthcare Products Regulatory Agency (MHRA)



Financial Conduct Authority (FCA)



Trading Standards (TS)



National Fraud Intelligence Bureau (NFIB)



Police Intellectual Property Crime Unit (PIPCU)

HOW IT WORKS



Law enforcement agency notifies Nominet that a domain is being used for criminal activity



Nominet makes administrative checks



Nominet notifies the registrant and works with the registrar to suspend the domain

REQUESTS NOT RESULTING IN SUSPENSIONS



16 REQUESTS received in the specified 12 months that didn't result in suspensions



A suspension request may not result in a suspension for a number of reasons – for example, the domain may have already been suspended due to a parallel process, the domain may have already been transferred on a court order, or the registrant may have modified the website following notification and is now compliant.

REVERSALS



suspension reviews requested



suspensions reversed

A suspension is reversed if the offending behaviour has stopped and the enforcing agency has since confirmed that the suspension can be lifted.

Data refers to domains suspended due to requests received during the specified period

PROSCRIBED TERMS

Nominet prohibits the registration of domain names that promote or incite serious sexual offences (where there is no reasonable or legitimate use for that domain) under our proscribed terms policy.

HOW IT WORKS



NEW REGISTRATIONS
New domain registrations are run through an automated process where potential breaches are flagged



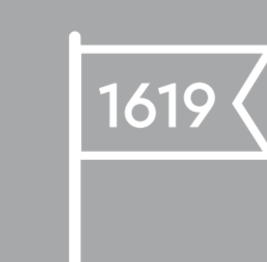
EXISTING REGISTRATIONS
If Nominet receives a complaint about an existing domain name



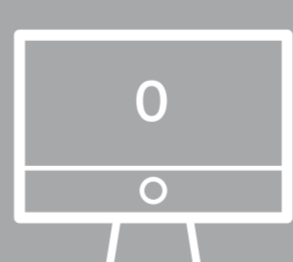
Each flagged domain name is manually checked to ensure no false positives go through. If a domain name is in breach, the registrant and registrar are notified and the domain suspended and blocked so that no one can register that domain in the future. Registrants have 30 days to request a review of this assessment.



We advise that any complaints about website content and not the domain name should be referred directly to law enforcement



potential breaches flagged (new registrations)



domains suspended and blocked



reviews

0 suspension requests from the Internet Watch Foundation on Child Sexual Abuse Images (CSAM) on .UK domains

DOMAIN WATCH

Nominet's anti-phishing initiative to further increase the security of the .UK zone is designed to quickly identify and suspend newly registered domains that are obvious phishing attempts. If a domain is suspended, the registrant will receive an email informing them what has happened, together with the next steps required if they feel the suspension was not correctly applied.



suspended pending additional checks



successfully passed additional due diligence and completed the registration process

EXAMPLES OF DOMAINS SUSPENDED THROUGH DOMAIN WATCH:

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| <p>Private Sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • login-microsoftoffice.co.uk • office365-loginsecure.co.uk • netflix.uk • billings-amazon.co.uk • barcleys.uk • hsbcbankonlinetransfer.co.uk | <p>Public Sector:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • british-gov.uk • hmrc-taxrefund-gov.co.uk • govuk-companieshouse.co.uk • hmrc-gov.org.uk |
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For rights holders who wish to seek control of a domain name they believe should be theirs Nominet offers an award winning Dispute Resolution Service (DRS). The DRS offers an efficient and transparent method of resolving disputes relating to .UK domain names. The DRS seeks to settle disputes between an aggrieved party, where this is not possible, through an independent expert decision.

More information about the DRS is available at nominet.uk/disputes

ABOUT NOMINET

Nominet is driven by a commitment to use technology to improve connectivity, security and inclusivity online. For over 20 years, Nominet has run the .UK internet infrastructure, developing an expertise in the Domain Name System (DNS) that now underpins the sophisticated network analytics used by governments and enterprise systems to mitigate cyber threats. The company provides registry services for top level domains, and is exploring applications for a range of emerging technologies. A profit with a purpose company, Nominet supports initiatives that contribute to a vibrant digital future.