

# To VPN or not to VPN - the case for, as Gmail's blocked in China - again

NEWSWATCH: What do people do when you block their access to a service online? They find a loophole, of course. That's what's happening in China, where [Reuters reports](#) much of Google's services have been blocked - and not for the first time...



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That global purveyor of news, *Reuters*, reports that [Gmail is currently blocked in China](#). This has quickly been snapped up and is causing [a stir on Twitter](#).

But it's not Google's fault that much of mainland China can't access their emails online - *Time* explains that the search engine operator says there's 'nothing wrong from our end' - this is allegedly the latest move from China's ruling communist party, hoping to isolate businesses on the mainland from the rest of the world.

[GreatFire adds](#) that this has been ongoing for many years now. At the time of writing, access to Gmail was 57% blocked in China.

The initial cut off reportedly started on Friday and has lasted all weekend. Whatever will they do without their email notifications? Find a loophole, of course. Many companies reliant on the internet to operate acted fast and set up a VPN or Virtual Private Network to work around this latest block, [Reuters clarifies](#).

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