



**Error 451** is a new **error** code that we want ISPs to show when people visit **websites** blocked for legal reasons. Courts can require ISPs to block access to certain **websites**. Showing the **Error 451** message makes it clear when a **website** has been blocked after a court order.

In [computer networking](#), **HTTP 451 Unavailable For Legal Reasons** is an error [status code](#) of the [HTTP](#) protocol to be displayed when the user requests a resource which cannot be served for legal reasons, such as a web page censored by a government. The number 451 is a reference to [Ray Bradbury's](#) 1953 [dystopian](#) novel [Fahrenheit 451](#), in which books are outlawed.<sup>[1]</sup> 451 could be described as a more explanatory variant of [403 Forbidden](#).<sup>[2]</sup> This status code is standardized in [RFC 7725](#).