

# Andriy Slynchuk has described eleven things Internet users do that may be illegal. Review what the author says and write a journal.

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When indulging online or using technical devices there are laws enforced on what you can and can't do. Slynchuk has composed an article stating 11 things that users do online that's deemed illegal, even if the users aren't aware or overlooking the situation.

He first mentions "using unofficial streaming services", which is streaming certain content such as music, movies, shows for free rather than purchasing a subscription/contents. As engaging this act violates copyright and could lead to being sued. Next is "torrent services", similar to using unofficial streaming service this method uses torrent as a way to pirate content. "Using copyrighted images", certain pictures and digital images has an owner or some form of possession, so using these images without permission is illegal. "Sharing passwords, addresses, or photos of others", without having an individual consent, intention is to harm or a malicious act is deemed illegal. "Bullying and trolling", regarding cyberbullying is deemed as a civil offense, but certain conditions can lead to criminal offenses. Now social media and other various apps have the option of reportanting and blocking certain texts if they seem harmful. "Recording a VoIP Call Without Consent" is the act of recording a phone call in secrecy is illegal, it's always best to notify the caller and ask for consent. "Faking your identity online" is pretending/deceiving somebody, as this can result in identity fraud. "Collecting Information About People Younger Than 13" as doing so breaches "Children's Online Protection Act" if you don't have consent from a parent/guardian. "Extracting Audio From YouTube" also can put you in violation of copyright. Finally "Illegal Searches on the Internet", you can be flagged on what you are researching such as "child pornography", "hiring a criminal", etc.

The article is insightful to understand the consequences of engaging online and what actions committed are illegal. It opened my eyes to certain things that I was unaware were illegal such as "copyrighted images" as I didnt know there were even copyrighted pictures, I thought all pictures can be used since it's presented on a public domain. I also didn't know that there was a "Children's Online Protection Act", and I'm glad there is since the internet and social media apps can be extremely dangerous for kids. Overall it's best to know these types of acts so you can ensure safety when engaging online.

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