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The internet has become an integral part of everyday life. Nowadays, one can do almost anything digitally. A person can work, shop, pay bills, talk and communicate online. As with everything in life, there are rules that need to be followed when doing activities in the online world. There are norms and laws that govern how a person conducts himself or herself in using the internet. In the link article that was provided in class, Andriy Slynchuk, discussed and listed 11 illegal things that a person unknowingly does on the internet. I have listed below, in no particular order, the 5 most serious offenses based on my own opinion. The list includes:

- Sharing passwords, addresses, and photos of others
- Bullying and Trolling
- Recording a VoIP call without consent
- Collecting information about people younger than 13
- Faking your identity online

While everything that Slynchuk listed is illegal, the ones that I listed are what I deemed to pose the greatest threat to an individual and the whole society in general. First, sharing anything online without any form of consent from the other person involved, is not only ethically wrong, but also a clear invasion of one's privacy. Second, any form of bullying and trolling is just plain wrong, there is no justification whatsoever if a person bullies and trolls another person. Third, I listed recording a VoIP call without consent as another serious and illegal offense that people do online. Recording a conversation without consent is another example of violating a person's

personal space and privacy. Fourth, collecting information about people younger than 13.

Collecting data about children is just morally wrong, unless its health, family, and school related, gathering information about children is never okay. Lastly, faking your identity online. Faking yourself online should be considered a serious crime. Fraudulent impersonation can be used to catfish, and take advantage of people online. We have to be vigilant and proactive in learning about the ever changing rules and etiquette of the cyber world. Ignorance of the law excuses no one.