

Journal Prompt from Module 12

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I read the Clario article about illegal things people do online without even realizing it, and I think five of the violations stand out as the most serious. First, using unofficial streaming services to watch shows or movies is a big problem because it breaks copyright laws and hurts the people who created the content. It also puts users at risk of legal trouble. Second, using torrent services to download music, films, or software is also illegal and dangerous. Not only is unfair to the creators, but torrent sites can also spread viruses or malware to your device. Third is sharing someone's private information such as their home address, passwords, or even personal photos without their permission is very serious. This can lead to people being stalked, harassed, or even harmed in real life, which makes it one of the most dangerous actions on the list. Fourth would be recording a VoIP call, like zoom or skype, without telling the other person is usually illegal and violates their right to privacy. This kind of secret recording could get you in legal trouble, especially depending on what's said during the call. Lastly, faking your identity online, like pretending to be someone else or using fake credentials, can lead to fraud and identity theft. That can ruin someone's credit or reputation and is a serious offense. These five actions stood out to me because they all either harm other people directly or have serious legal consequences. The Clario article helped me realize that even normal looking internet behavior can sometimes cross the line, and its important to be more careful online.

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