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Andriy Slynchuk has described eleven things Internet users do that may be illegal.

Review what the author says and write a paragraph describing the five most serious violations and why you think those offenses are serious.

Based on the article, there are a lot of things everyday people do on the internet that we don't know are illegal. While some of these things don't seem like a big deal, such as using copyrighted images, there are a handful of actions on the list that even if we don't understand that they are illegal, still feel morally wrong.

Collecting information about children should definitely rank the highest. Children are among the most vulnerable of the population and the adults in their lives need to be protecting them both in person and online. In any case, bullying should be illegal, especially on the internet, because there is no way to tell the mindset of either party. Bullying can have harsh repercussions, and there have been many cases where online bullying has led to dying. I think that bullying and spoofing may be the second highest on the list for me when it comes to illegal online actions. Sharing passwords is probably third because it can have immense consequences, such as identity theft or a breach in banking information. Faking your identity would be next on the list, but I don't think that is something that entirely has bad ramifications. There are many people who have their main social media accounts, and then a second account for whatever reason. As long as people aren't using those second accounts to commit acts of identity theft or to bully people without being able to track who is doing it effectively, even though there is still a way to track those people down, faking your identity doesn't feel like too big of a deal. Lastly I would say using peoples internet networks is one of the more important on the list,

but definitely not the most serious. There are plenty of places that provide wifi for people to use, such as coffee shops and college campuses. However I will agree that using other people's networks without permission is harmful and can even be dangerous.

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