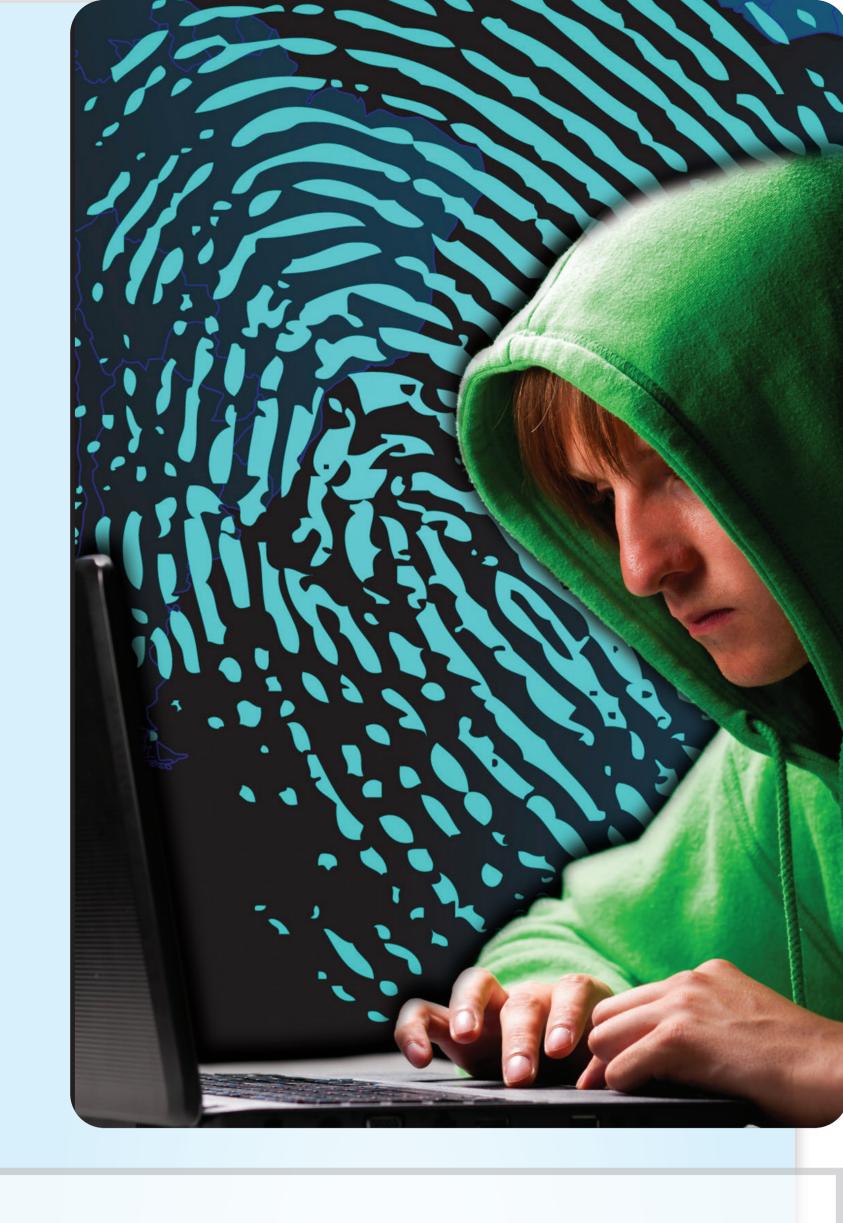
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Online is a great resource for research, games, education, and keeping in touch with friends. But, by being a part of the online community, you're also at risk for fraud, abuse, or other illegal activities.





## **SECURITY THREATS**

Dangerous sites and bad online habits put your personal and financial data at risk.

- Don't click on pop-up windows or unknown attachments and do not download unfamiliar apps, they can infect your computer with viruses.
- Only visit websites that you trust and that have straightforward privacy policies.
- Use additional tools like antivirus or anti-spyware programs.

#### **ILLEGAL ACTIVITY**

Sharing music and videos or illicit images may be illegal and result in jail time or fines.

- Any e-book, song, movie, or television show that is copyrighted cannot be copied or shared legally, even if you paid for it.
- Distributing explicit images of someone without their consent is illegal in many states. If they are underage, it can be considered child pornography.





# **SHARING PHOTOS**

Shared photos don't go away and may follow you, affecting your career and personal life.

- Never share sexually suggestive pictures of yourself or photos showing you exercising poor judgment.
- Before sharing photos, edit them to crop out private information, such as your address.
- Only share photos with close family and friends.



#### **CYBERBULLYING**

Online bullying is just as hurtful as it is in the real world - and in some cases, it's illegal.

- Don't forget that things you post online are visible to a lot of people.
- Never send pictures or post comments that would be hurtful to another individual.
- Keep your private information private.

## **SOCIALIZING AND COMMUNICATING**

Exercise caution when meeting new people online to avoid making yourself vulnerable to fraud.

- Don't respond to any messages that ask for information like your username, password, or other confidential items.
- Don't post personal information online.
- Don't share confidential information.



# PLAY IT SAFE AND BE ONLINE AWARE!