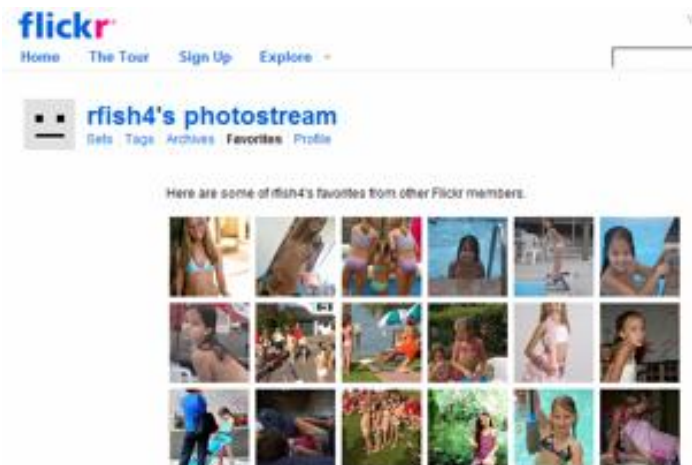


Online Offender

Yesterday, I received an email notice saying that a few of my [Flickr](#) photos had been favorited. These particular photos were of my children, mostly of my daughter. I did not recognize the user in this particular case, and when I went to see their photos, the Flickr message alerted me that none of the user's photos were available. Seeing as my photos had been favorited, I went to see what other photos had been marked as favorites by this user.

My jaw dropped to the floor.

What I saw was three pages of favorited photos of preteen girls, most shots in bathing suits or with little clothing. Had I viewed any of these photos individually, isolated from the others, I am sure that this same feeling of disgust would not have come over me. But these photos, viewed together, favorited by some anonymous user,



told a very different story. These photos of these girls were without a doubt being sexualized, and my four-year-old daughter was amongst these images.

These photos are legal. The actions of the user who favorited these is also legal (although incredibly disgusting). I did not want photos of my child to appear here.

Credit: <http://educationaltechnology.ca/couros/1203>

Cyber Bullying and Threats

I've had the same best friend since preschool. We have never had a major fight or anything to break us apart. But now my friend has done something that I don't think I can forgive her for. Christine (not her real name) gave my E-mail password to this group of girls at school that I call the "beautiful people." They are gorgeous and popular, but they are also pretty mean. They used my E-mail account to send disgusting messages, supposedly from me, to every boy in school. Now I can't even walk down the hall without people laughing at me. What should I do?



Situation Credit: <http://www.netsmartz.org/resources/activitycards.htm#hs>

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Identity Theft and Fraud

Kathie loves shopping online. She loves finding exclusive “boutiques” online. She particularly enjoys the convenience of shopping online and how sites can save her information so she doesn’t have to enter it again. This month, when her credit card statement arrives it has numerous changes on it that she didn’t make.



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Access to Inappropriate Content

Sixth grade students are in the computer lab researching science fair projects. They are using various search engines (Google, Yahoo, Bing) and other sites listed on the marker board by the teacher. When Jim types in one of the addresses from the marker board he switches a couple letters and instead of loading NASA's website, a site with inappropriate content loads on his screen. He immediately announces to the class that one of the teacher's links is to a site with pictures of naked people. The class is immediately drawn to see what is on Jim's display.

Some students share this event with their parents that evening. As a result, the teacher has several voice mails the next day from concerned parents. Sherri is in the computer lab, using the same station that Jim used the day before, and has a problem with pop-up windows with inappropriate content while accessing the school's web site. Her teacher suspects that she has been accessing inappropriate sites.



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Malicious Code

Julie, a 4th grader, is playing games on a free website when she notices a blinking message to the right that says click here for more free games. She clicks the link and is asked to register with an email address in order to access the new games. After entering her address, she plays several of the games.

The next day when she checks her email she has several messages from people she doesn't know. One of the messages has a link to a new game, which she clicks on. Julie notices that her computer is running very slow and can't load the game. Pop up messages are covering the screen. She tries clicking on the Ignore links in the pop ups, but that doesn't close it. Before long her computer is locked up.



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Intellectual Property Theft

John enjoys music. He loves the file sharing sites where he can download songs for free, instead of purchasing it from iTunes.

He decides to make a webpage where he showcases all his favorite music for his friends. He posts songs that he has purchased from iTunes or on CDs, as well as some of the free music he has downloaded from the file sharing network.

John receives notification that he is being charged with copyright infringement and must take down his web site immediately.



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