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HOW YOUR BEHAVIOR ON THE INTERNET CAN GET YOU IN TROUBLE WITH THE LAW.

“While social network can be a great place to interact and allows for free expression, it is important to know how free online comments and expressions can sometimes have unexpected consequence to you, including getting in trouble with law.

HERE ARE SOME RISKY BEHAVIORS

Making or posting derogatory remarks or threatening people with violence online can amount to criminal defamation which is a criminal offence.

Never post comments encouraging violence against individuals, groups of people or organizations.

Deliberately offending people with defamatory comments or images, or insulting an individual’s person or dignity online amounts to a criminal offence.

If you post or upload footage of yourself or others engaging in illegal or criminal activity, such footage can be used against you as evidence in court.

Persistently sending messages or continue to try and make contact with someone who does not want to have contact with you, your behavior could amount to stalking.

Download or distributing pirated music and videos, or copyright material without permission or authority of the copyright holder is illegal, and thus amount to an offence in terms of section 29 and 33 of the Copyright and Neighboring Rights Protection Act 6 of 1994.

Comments or remarks inciting, instigating, conspiring with any person to commit a crime, could amount to an offence of Incitement to Commit a Crime, or becoming an accomplice to the commission of a crime.

Agreeing or conspiring to commit a crime is punishable in terms of Section 18 (2) of the Riotous Assembly Act 17 of 1956.

It is an offence to incite, or instigate people to riot and or commit crimes through social network as such incitement and or instigation would constitute an offence. Posting comments that vilify a person or a group on the basis of race, color, ethnic origin, gender, disability or religion could amount to an offence and is punishable in terms of Section 11 of the Racial Discrimination Prohibition Act 26 of 1991, as amended by the Racial Discrimination Amendment Act 26 of 1998.

SOCIAL MEDIA DONT’S

It’s never a good idea to reveal your whereabouts online, because you never know who is pursuing or following you, and with what motive in mind.

Posting photos of yourself online revealing too much of your body can also attract the attention of stalkers and sexual predators.

Posting pictures of your house, household items (furniture), and the car you drive then posting on your wall that you are going on vacation or out of Town or Country, could be an open invitation to criminals to loot your house.

Exposing your contact details, residential or employment address can be an invitation to strangers' unwanted guests and stalkers.

“Allowing children to interact with friends online without parental control and monitoring could be a danger risk.

They could expose vital information to strangers who could be hard core criminals who have disguised themselves to be their age mates.

There will be at a high risk of them getting exposed to pornographic and explicit materials”

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