

Learn about Arizona Internet Crimes

The recent boom of Internet and technology at the turn of the century has provided us with easier methods of communication, endless amounts of research and entertainment at our disposal, and the ability to learn more about our ever-changing world. Unfortunately, the rise of the Internet has brought with it a new sector of Arizona law: Internet crimes.

The term “internet crimes” refers to a form of crime where a computer or the Internet is used as a medium to commit a felony or misdemeanor. The list of Internet crimes is ever-growing, including such illegal activities as the building of computer viruses, cyber stalking, identity theft, drug trafficking, as well as more high-profile crimes like hacking, cyber terrorism, and child pornography. Here, we’ll look over a brief overview of some significant Internet violations.

Identity theft has been around for some time, but here it is defined as the attempt to steal your personal information for financial gain through the usage of the Internet. This may be accomplished through a variety of means, including **phishing**, the practice of creating fake web sites or e-mails that trick the victim into providing personal information, **Internet scams**, which typically promise a substantial financial reward after providing bank account or other personal information, or **viruses** that steal your information after being downloaded onto your computer.

Cyberstalking, or cyberbullying, is a growing concern among teens and young adults due to the increasing popularity of social networking sites like Facebook. In this instance, criminals learn private details about their victim by stalking their activities through their personal profiles. Cyberstalking may lead to sexual assault if the criminal develops a “friendship” with the victim. Conversely, cyberbullying is a new form of harassment in which the victim is persecuted by the bully due to gender, race, religion, nationality, or sexual orientation. These instances may lead to negatively impacted self esteem, emotional damage, defamation, or even suicide.

Obscene content most frequently conjures up infractions related to child pornography, which refers to sexually explicit images, films, or writings involving a child. This offense is among the fastest growing criminal segments on the Internet, and as a result of child protection laws, there are severe penalties for producers and distributors found in possession or having connection to child pornography. Punishment for obscene content varies depending on the specifics of the crime.

If you or a loved one have been convicted of an Internet or computer crime, it is imperative that you contact a qualified Arizona Internet crimes attorney in order to reduce or possibly dismiss your case. As a client, it is among your rights to have a diligent and compassionate attorney oversee your trial regardless of your circumstances. In a rapidly developing world, Internet crimes are becoming a very real and serious offense, depending on the instance; however, if you are faced with this charge, there is always hope for you to receive a second chance.

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