



Resource 8 – Consequences Scenarios
Teacher Law and Information Card

Scenario 1 Jack broke the law by using his friend's password to buy game ammunition.

Offence

Unauthorised access with intent to commit or facilitate commission of further offences. Section 2 of the Computer Misuse Act (1990)

Mode of trial and penalty

Summary: maximum 12 months imprisonment and/or fine.

Indictment: maximum 5 years imprisonment and/or fine or both.

How was the victim affected?

The victim did not give consent to purchase ammunition. Therefore the victim would have suffered financial loss.

The victim may have felt annoyed/angry at this and lost trust in their friend.

The suspect/friend may have obtained the victims password through 'shoulder surfing'. This means they may have seen the victim entering the password whilst playing with them and then used it at a later time without their consent.

What could the victim do to help protect themselves?

- Never share your password with others
- Change password
- Choose a password which is difficult to guess
- Ensure that when you enter your password into a games console that nobody is watching you inputting the details.
- Make sure device is secure
- Report all incidents of cyber crime





Scenario 2 Jack broke the law by threatening people unless they paid money.

Offence

Blackmail. Theft Act (1968)

Mode of trial and penalty

Indictment: maximum 14 years imprisonment.

How were the victims affected?

The victim would have suffered from unwarranted demands. These may have been in the form of demands for payment of cash or Bitcoin (cryptocurrency) for the return of sensitive information such as customer data (for businesses), documents, photos, personal emails/videos.

What could the victim do to help protect themselves?

- Use a strong password to protect data
- Make regular backups of your data
- Keep your backup separate from your computer
- Never open anything from untrusted sources
- Never pay the unwarranted demand
- Update operating systems and software
- Report all instances of cyber crime
- Always report incidents of black mail to the police





Scenario 3 Jack broke the law by disabling his school's website.

This is known as a DDOS attack (Distributed Denial of Service).

Offence

Unauthorised acts with intent to impair, or recklessness as to impairing, operation of a computer. Section 3 of the Computer Misuse Act (1990)

Mode of trial and penalty

Summary: Maximum 12 months imprisonment and/or a fine.

Indictment: Maximum 10 years imprisonment and/or an unlimited fine.

How were the victims affected?

Learners would have been unable to submit pieces of coursework/homework.

Teachers would not have been able to mark coursework or access anything else hosted on the school website.

Important information would not be available to parents/carers or others.

What could the victim(s) do to help protect themselves?

- Ensure that you backup copies of your important information.
This is important to learners too, for example, homework, family photos.
- Always report cybercrime
- Cyber security professionals read the tech news to hear about major new threats

