

Cause and Effect

1. Janice reveals her name and age to an online chat buddy.

- Effect: The online chat buddy turns out to be a predator who lures her to a meeting and tries to harm her.
- Other possible effects/consequences to her actions:

2. Mark uses his e-mail address as a screen name for a bulletin board.

- Effect: His e-mail box is flooded with spam, retail announcements, etc.
- Other possible effects/consequences:

3. Sarah is a big fan of her local football team—the Dallas Cowboys. Everyone at school knows this. Her password is Cowboygirl.

- Effect: Sarah's ex-boyfriend has an idea of her password, guesses it, and uses her account to send bad e-mail to others. Now everyone is mad at her.
- Other possible effects/consequences:

4. Mary's screen name is hotchick15. She uses it whenever she's chatting.

- Effect: Mary receives lots of harassment on chat sites.
- Other possible effects/consequences:

5. Eric has chosen a screen name that reflects his faith.

- Effect: He recently received more than 50 hate mail messages and threats.
- Other possible effects/consequences:

6. When Andy signed up for AOL instant messaging, he filled out his personal profile with all his information.

- Effect: Everyone on the Internet can find out who he is and what he posted. They can use this information in any way.
- Other possible effects/consequences:

7. Chad has been e-mailing a girl he met online. She asks him to send a picture. He does.

- Effect: Chad was browsing the Web and finds his picture, but it's been changed so that he looks like he weighs 500 pounds.
- Other possible effects/consequences:
