



Worksheet Three

WHEN YOU GO TO WORK

It is very likely that when you start work you will use computers. If you work in an office and work with a PC (personal computer) then it is almost certain that your machine will be able to access the internet. This is fine if you use the machine only for the purpose it was given to you for, in other words TO DO YOUR WORK. However if you use the PC (which does not belong to you) for other, unauthorised activities, you will be breaking the rules of your employment and might even be breaking the law of Seychelles.

Read the following statements and then decide whether you agree with each one. Tick any that you think are fine and put a cross next to any that you think are wrong. Your teacher will help your class discuss them.

- 1. You can't just work all day, you need to have a break now and then
- 2. Downloading nude photographs is wrong at work but checking the football scores is OK
- 3. A worker has the right to use his or her work computer for personal use
- 4. An employer (boss) has no right to look at a worker's private material on a work computer
- 5. A worker who cannot afford the internet at home should be able to use a computer at work to look at the internet

NOW... * Imagine that you are the owner of an accounting company. You employ 12 people. One day a junior worker is seen working on a senior employee's computer. When you look at the machine later you can see that this person was on the internet for more than half an hour when she should have been working. She had visited internet gambling sites, then had visited another web site to chat with her friends. What action would you take?

NOW... * Imagine that the next day you find out that a senior male worker has been accessing pornography sites on his work computer. He has even printed some of the pictures and saved others on the computer hard drive, protected by a password that only he knows. What action would you take?

DO YOU THINK THAT EITHER WORKER HAS BROKEN THE TERMS OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT?
DO YOU THINK THAT EITHER WORKER HAS BROKEN THE LAW?
DO YOU THINK THAT EITHER WORKER SHOULD BE PUNISHED, BY THE EMPLOYER OR BY THE LAW?

NOW... * Work with a partner and plan a short piece of drama to show what happens in either of the above situations. One of you will act as the employer and the other as the worker. What is the final outcome of your meeting, and is it fair? Your teacher may ask you to perform this drama for the rest of the class, so you will want it to be as realistic as possible.

Your first lines of dialogue are these;

BOSS: I checked your PC this afternoon and I am very unhappy at what I found.

WORKER: What are you talking about?

YOUR TEACHER WILL FINISH THE LESSON BY GIVING YOU SOME INFORMATION ABOUT THE LAW IN SEYCHELLES WHICH MAY SURPRISE YOU!

After this you will have completed topic three of the safe technology education pack.