

Minors' internet navigation and personal data protection

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Abstract

Underage users of the Internet are exposed to illegal processing of not only their own personal data but also their parents', friends' and relatives'. This often occurs during interactive internet activities, such as participation in competitions and games, in social network websites, chat rooms e.t.c. The fact that children are confident users of the latest technology does not ensure their protection from the internet dangers.

Therefore, state intervention is necessary to protect under age users of the Internet, both on a governmental and legal basis. This paper aims to present some steps which have been taken on an international legislative level, as well as to propose suggestions on minors' personal data protection while surfing the internet, in order to form specific legal regulations in Greece.