



## Taking in Control of the Line: Cyber Laws revisited

Cyber zone, or what is more commonly termed as the Internet has had a great impact on society as a whole is helping shape the future of mankind. It has created a world all its own, connected to the real world but still apart from it. And in this new world, people are getting a chance to start a new life or at least an escape from their real life. It impacts the lives of almost everyone in the world today. It is slowly creeping its way in to almost every aspect of human life. Meeting friends, to buying items such as audio and video materials, to earning money from Internet based businesses. Like it or not, directly or indirectly it has become part of everyone's life.

The (1) [Internet is a very unique entity](#) because of its very nature and architecture. For one, it is not a single entity that you can pinpoint in terms of location. It is the combined and collective connection of millions of personal computers and server around the world. Computing devices that are connected to the Internet increase and allows an increase in access to people. There is no single entity that controls it. Individuals and individual entities may control their own space with in the Internet but no one controls the Internet itself.

Because of these features, new opportunities have been opened to a lot of people. It has become the new medium for the free exchange of information. Students doing research can find almost any information they need in the Internet. People planning their next vacation trip can find out about countries and vacation with just the click of the mouse. This has in fact led to the new meaning of the word "browse" in the English dictionary.

It has also become a new medium for doing business. Starting out only as a venue to advertise brick and mortar businesses, the Internet now houses many purely virtual as well as brick and mortar businesses with online websites. Actual business transactions are done everyday, such as the purchase of goods and the transfer of funds.

It has also become a new venue for socializing. The Internet has made it possible for people who are worlds apart to meet and communicate. Email, chat rooms and blogs, have given people a means to air their views and to find other people with common interests. The Internet has shattered previously accepted social boundaries based on location and race and is now forming its own world community and shaping its own social boundaries.

But with the opportunities it has opened, it has also brought about some difficulties as well. Although it may not be a good idea for one entity to control the Internet it is important to have some form of regulation for the purpose of making sure that it is used responsibly. With out any form of rules or laws to govern it may result in to anarchy. Looking at the content of the Internet today, we can already see signs pointing to this direction. Child pornography, (2) [identity theft and invasion of privacy](#), copy-write and intellectual property rights infringement, credit card and other money related scams, these and other criminal activities are abound in the Internet precisely because of this lack of regulation.

This is why there are efforts at implementing cyber laws. The purpose of cyber laws is actuallly to try and integrate the new norms evolving in the Internet with that of existing norms in the real world. It is and attempt to form laws, rules and guidelines that will govern the Internet. It is also presenting itself as a very formidable task because of the complexities of the Internet. However, the same reasons that make the Internet great are the same reasons it is becoming difficult to come up with a common ground for cyber laws. At the moment, it is at its infancy stage and is developing as the Internet also develops. There are many who also believe that as the Internet evolves it will probably find ways to regulate itself and that this self regulation will be the basis of cyber laws in the future.



**Fluxcard.com Fake ID Articles**  
**Original Research Articles © Fluxcard.com 2007**

Unfortunately, a lot of people cannot wait. There are already many pressing concerns that need to be addressed most important of all, to many individuals, is the right to privacy and identity theft with in the internet. Many individuals, private and public entities are already pushing for ways and means of protecting and securing privacy for individuals.

- (1) [http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyber\\_law](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Cyber_law)
- (2) <http://www.cyberlawtimes.com/>