CLASS 4: Simulation: Privacy Under Threat

OVERVIEW:
Through simulation, students will experience the difficulties and frustrations of several situations in which their privacy is under threat, while exploring the solutions available.

REQUIREMENTS:
- Copy of the Watch Your Space Information & Advice Flyer (see appendix—page 57)
- 5 different role cards (provided); one card per pair of students

STEP 1:
Distribute the Watch Your Space flyer to the class (it may be useful to distribute the flyer as a homework reading assignment in advance of the class).

Note that there are many different situations in which your privacy can be invaded online. Using the flyer as a point of discussion, ask the class to suggest situations, which could arise and note these on the board/flipchart.

STEP 2:
Divide the class into pairs; each pair must decide who is A and who is B. Then distribute the role cards and ask the students to role-play the situation.

STEP 3:
After about 10 minutes each pair must take a different situation and swap A/B roles.

STEP 4:
Take feedback from the class asking the following questions:
- How did you handle the situations?
- Were you left frustrated by any role you played?
- Were you surprised by any of the reactions?

HOMEWORK:
Choose one of the roles you played in today’s class. Now write a diary entry for that person writing how exactly you felt in the given situation.
You have logged on to your personal page and some of the messages recently added are hurtful or threatening. You think a classmate may be responsible.

A: You
B: Classmate

You have put your mobile phone number on your social networking site and now you are receiving threatening text messages. You decide to inform your parents/guardian of the situation.

A: You
B: Parent/Guardian

Your parent/guardian has seen your page on a social networking site and is not happy with some of the content of the page.

A: You
B: Parent/Guardian

You find out that your 10-year-old brother/sister has a page on a social networking site and has included his/her phone number on the page.

A: You
B: Brother/Sister

You go online and do an internet search of your own name. A photograph of you comes up taken by a friend and posted on the internet without your permission.

A: You
B: Friend