**Misuse of Computers**

For different reasons people try to assess information they are not allowed to see.

People hack because:

1. They want to copy others work.
2. So companies can see competitor’s designs
3. To get sacked for example they don’t like the job
4. They want to steel money from others

This is why we need a Computer Misuse Act to stop hacking unauthorized access to computers.

You get tree different offences in hacking:

1. Unauthorized access to computer material
2. Accessing with intent to commit or facilitate committing
3. Unauthorized modification to computer material.

Lots of people think hackers are teenage kids who know a lot about computers. The image of a hacker is stereotypical But in reality hackers can be any one from any age male or female.

Hackers don’t always mean to damage something but they might accidental.

Firewalls can stop hackers. This is a program which filters data coming in through the Internet to a computer or network. A firewall takes control of your computer by stopping people hacking into your system and taking control of your computer and using your machine as a host to access or run programs.

The most command types of infections to computers are virus, e-mail virus, worm and Trojan horse.

A virus is a computer code that copies itself and some can damage data. All viruses use system resources. Because viruses cause computer code to be modified they are illegal. You can stop viruses by using an anti-virus software.