

EDUCATION

gram and YouTube.

Unlike the core services, these applications will collect personal data from users "to provide, maintain, protect and improve (the services), to develop new ones and to protect Google and (its) users."

Google continues: "We also use this information to offer users tailored content, such as more relevant search results. We may combine personal information from one service with information, including personal information, from other Google services."

And though Google will not specifically target ads to individual elementary and high school students, that doesn't mean that the students will not receive them at all.

The Burlington father found a number of advertising emails sent from third-party applications accessed by his child through her G Suite account, to her HDSB email - a matter he says he finds troubling as his daughter is a minor, not able to consent to her information being used for commercial purposes.

Truffen says he was unaware that students may be receiving advertising emails from these applications, but he would not rule out the possibility.

"That's a tough question to answer," he said. "From talking to my managers, the profiles that are on the HDSB domain are private."

The Burlington dad says he initially reached out to the HDSB to have the G Suite settings changed for his daughter and eight-year-old son, so as to not continue to supply Google with their personal information.

"When we deemed that the correspondence with the board at the time was not going to result in any action on the board's part to change our children's account settings, we contacted Google directly ourselves to inquire how these settings could be changed," he told the Independent.

"As the Halton District School Board is the account administrator for our children's G Suite accounts, we were unable to change any settings. We communicated the information we received by Google, and the settings were changed by the board for our children."

But, the father continues, he wonders how many parents are unaware of what G Suite entails and the consequences of allowing their children to access the suite unsupervised.

Ahmad says parents should be properly informed about their child's use of G Suite in a comprehensive manner.

"They need to know what is happening and what kind of information would potentially be collected from the child," he said. "Quite frankly, if you are using G Suite, understand what the terms and conditions are and include that in the (consent) slip, and use summaries - don't give them a 20-page document. There should be something simple for parents to read to understand the risks their child is potentially taking."

Ahmad also noted that personally identifiable information doesn't just mean your name and address - "it includes your IP address, it includes your online behaviour, everything related to your profile if you wish."

Subsequent to getting his children's G Suite profiles amended, the Burlington father has also been diligent in reaching out to many of the additional applications individually, inquiring about consent and the ways in which his children's information is being used.

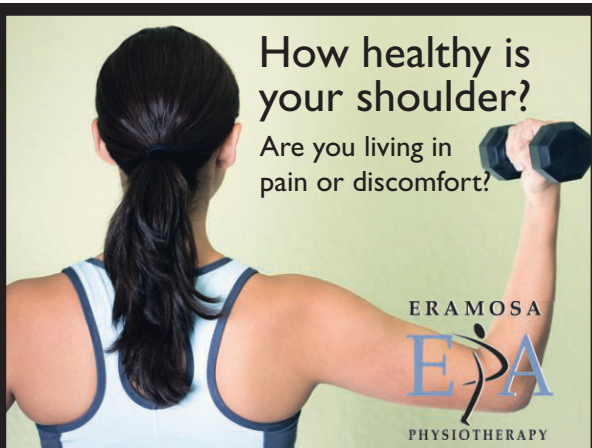
In email correspondence between the father and Infogram's support centre, Infogram cites its own terms of use saying, "You agree that by using the service you represent that you are at least 18 years old and that you are legally able to enter this agreement. If you are under the age of 18 years old, you represent that you are at least 14 years old and that your parent or legal guardian consents to your use of this service," adding that it is the responsibility of the person who registers the account to ensure the user is at least 14 years of age.

Ahmad says when it comes to these types of applications, everything is premised.

"When you give your personal information or you sign up for an account, it's premised on the user giving their consent and so the question then is, is a child who is under the age of the majority able to give informed consent?"

STORY BEHIND THE STORY:

A Burlington father became concerned after noticing his 11-year-old daughter using a third-party app she accessed using a profile created on her behalf by the HDSB. Her username contained her first and last name.



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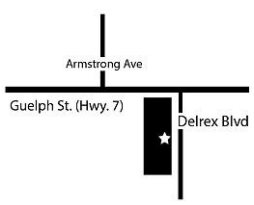
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