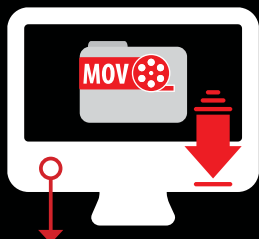


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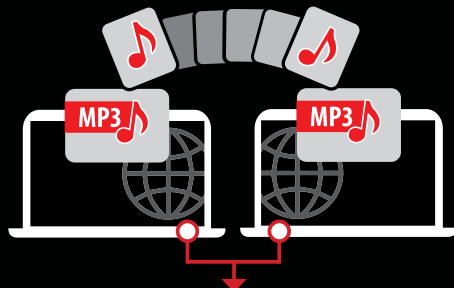


**Copyright violations will cost you at least \$200 and two weeks with no network access.**

## DON'T



Download videos using BitTorrent software.



Share music using Peer-to-Peer software.

## DO



Video stream with friends.

# The Digital Millennium Copyright Act

The Division of IT (DoIT) wants you to be aware of copyright law and University policy! Do you think it is okay to copy and distribute copyrighted material as long as the intent is *not to sell* the duplication? Just the act of copying and distributing someone else's work may violate copyright law!

## What is the DMCA?

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act of 1998 (DMCA) is a federal copyright law which protects the author's intellectual rights for written works, movies, and music. DMCA ensures that only the author or the author's assignees have the legal authority to copy, distribute, create derivative works, or perform or exhibit protected works.

## What does this mean to me?

Copyright violations have serious civil and criminal penalties. For example, DoIT assesses a \$200 fee to all individuals found in violation of policies related to illegal downloading or distribution of copyright materials. Along with a \$200 fee violaters will lose Internet access for a minimum of 2 weeks. In addition the copyright owner may take legal action leading to civil penalties; a violator could easily be fined a minimum of \$750 per downloaded file.

## How can I comply with copyright law?

Be sure to acquire your songs, movies, and TV shows legally and immediatly remove any unlawfully obtained material.

**Before downloading, consider this: *if you would typically pay for it, it is probably protected by copyright.***

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