

Subject: Illegal File-Sharing

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There's been much in the news in recent months, particularly in the higher ed news, about the Recording Industry Association of America's (RIAA) campaign against illegal file-sharing across the nation's campuses. CMU has not been immune from the effects of this campaign, and the number of CMU students being approached for settlement by the RIAA has risen dramatically over the past year.

While we work to develop a campaign to better inform students of their rights and responsibilities relative to this very important issue, it is worth noting that this campaign is not solely targeted at students. In fact, CMU employees have also received RIAA notices of file-sharing violations.

The sharing of copyrighted digital materials - video, music, whatever - is illegal in most cases. Pursuant to CMU policy, employees who engage in illegal file-sharing over the CMU network will not be protected by the university, and the university will cooperate as required by law enforcement in the pursuit and identification of transgressors.

CMU's network is a vital resource for all of us. Let's make sure we're using it appropriately and responsibly. Thanks!

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