

# BOSTON COLLEGE

## Copyright Compliance Policy

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Office of Information Technology Services

It is the policy of Boston College to protect the intellectual property rights of others, including art, music, written distribution of any material created by anyone other than yourself may constitute copyright infringement which is a violation of federal law and University policy. These prohibited activities include the unauthorized copying, distribution, or use of copyrighted materials without the copyright holder permission, whether through peer-to-peer programs (uploading or downloading) or other

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with copyright laws and the provisions of licensing agreements that apply to software. In addition, all systems users agree in the Boston College Technical and Information Resources License Agreement to comply with copyright law.

The University imposes significant penalties for infringement activities including university probation and loss of network access. In addition, under the Copyright Act, anyone infringing a copyrighted work is liable for civil damages. If willful infringement is proven, the infringer may also be subject to criminal penalties, including fines and imprisonment. For significant offenses, these penalties include up to a five-year federal prison term and a fine of \$250,000.

Prohibited activities include using the Boston College network or software without copyright holder permission. Prohibited activities include using the Boston College network or software without copyright holder permission.

In recent years, associations

the Medical Device Association of America, and they want of a business and industry organization in the Boston College network have a number of policies that prohibit the use of peer-to-peer file sharing software on Boston College's network.