



# Copy Share Cats



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## Everything you need to know about **copyright infringement** and peer-to-peer file sharing at LU.

### Summary of Civil and Criminal Penalties for Violation of Federal Copyright Laws

Copyright infringement is the act of exercising, without permission or legal authority, one or more of the exclusive rights granted to the copyright owner under section 106 of the Copyright Act (Title 17 of the United States Code). These rights include the right to reproduce or distribute a copyrighted work. In the file-sharing context, downloading or uploading substantial parts of a copyrighted work without authority constitutes an infringement.

Penalties for copyright infringement include civil and criminal penalties. In general, anyone found liable for civil copyright infringement may be ordered to pay either actual damages or "statutory" damages affixed at not less than \$750 and not more than \$30,000 per work infringed. For "willful" infringement, a court may award up to \$150,000 per work infringed. A court can, in its discretion, also assess costs and attorneys' fees. For details, see Title 17, United States Code, Sections 504, 505.

Willful copyright infringement can also result in criminal penalties, including imprisonment of up to five years and fines of up to \$250,000 per offense.

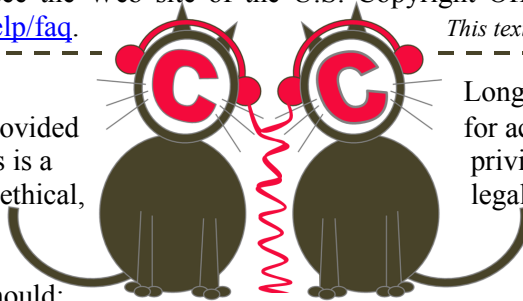
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For more information, please see the Web site of the U.S. Copyright Office at [www.copyright.gov](http://www.copyright.gov), especially their FAQ's at [www.copyright.gov/help/faq](http://www.copyright.gov/help/faq).

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### Longwood's AUP ::

email and Internet access, are provided activities. Use of these resources is a University expects and requires ethical, using these resources. unauthorized, inappropriate, Internet access. As a user you should:



Longwood IT Resources and Systems, including for academic, administrative and service privilege that carries with it responsibilities. The legal and responsible behavior of individuals Disciplinary action will result from or illegal use of hardware, software, or

**RESPECT AND PROTECT THE INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY OF OTHERS.**

Do NOT infringe copyrights. e.g. do not make illegal copies of music, games, or movies.

Do NOT intentionally access, transmit, copy, or create material that is illegal.

**Enforcement of Longwood's AUP ::** The University regards any violation of this policy as a serious offense. Violators of this policy are subject to appropriate disciplinary action such as prescribed in the Longwood University:

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in addition to possible cancellation of IT resources and systems access privileges. Users of IT systems and resources at Longwood are subject to all applicable local, state and federal statutes. This policy does not preclude prosecution of criminal and civil cases under relevant local, state, federal and international laws and regulations.

Copy Share Cats is a publication aimed at educating First Year and Prospective students of Longwood's policies and sanctions as they apply to copyright infringement and peer-to-peer file sharing, please contact Jen Eckrote at 434-395-2034 or [eckrotejl@longwood.edu](mailto:eckrotejl@longwood.edu).

