

## **Information**

Digital Millennium Copyright Act Compliance

## **Effective**

June 24 2015

## **Number**

IT 1 01

## **Applicability**

This policy applies to the University Community administrators faculty staff and students and users of University systems or networks

## **Administrative Authority**

Executive Vice President and University Provost

## **Responsible Unit**

Information Technology Services

Miller IT Center, 109, Louisville, KY 40292

502-852-7997

[helpdesk@louisville.edu](mailto:helpdesk@louisville.edu)

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## **History**

Note: This policy was formerly titled "IT-1.01 Copyright Infringement".

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## **Categories**

## **Statement:**

The University of Louisville (University) will take quick action to respond to a notice of an alleged copyright infringement occurring from a computer connected to the University's network. Complaints will be referred to Information Technology Services

and appropriate campus officials for investigation and remediation. Appropriate steps will be taken to stop unauthorized downloading or distribution of copyrighted materials.

Employees and students and others using University systems and networks whose actions result in copyright infringement, in accordance with this policy, will be subject to disciplinary action and/or controls/limitations on access to University systems and network. The unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, is subject to civil and/or criminal penalties.

## **Related Information:**

- Copyright Laws of the United States: <https://www.copyright.gov/title17/>
- DMCA - [Digital Millennium Copyright Act](#)
- Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA): <https://www.ed.gov/higher-education-opportunity-act-of-2008>
- [Legal Sources of Online](#) Content
- University Compliance with the Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) Peer-to-Peer File Sharing Requirements: <https://louisville.edu/its/about-us/about-its>
- [University Registered DMCA Agent Contact Information](#)

## **Reasoning:**

To inform individuals of the University of Louisville (University) policy and procedures when responding to notices of an alleged copyright infringement occurring from a computer connected to the University's network and to comply with the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) and Higher Education Opportunity Act (HEOA) in responding to such complaints.

## **Definitions:**

Copyright infringement - involves the reproduction or distribution of a copyrighted work without permission or legal authority.

## **Responsibilities:**

The university community and its users of University systems or networks are responsible for complying with this policy and procedures.