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COPYRIGHT INFORMATION FOR STUDENTS



PROTECT YOURSELF AND YOUR WORK!

Copyright protection is *automatic* as long as two conditions are met:

1. It must be your *original* work
2. It must be in a *tangible* form - it must be readable and physical. It cannot be just a thought in your mind. Once you create it and put it in a form that can be transferred to another person, it is copyrighted – YOU OWN IT.

For more information on copyright basics, visit the U. S. Copyright website:
<http://www.copyright.gov/>

WITH OWNERSHIP COME RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

AS THE CREATOR OF A WORK – YOU HAVE THE RIGHT TO:

1. Allow someone to *copy* your work (or not).
2. Allow someone to *distribute* your work (or not).
3. Allow someone to *display* your work publicly (or not).
4. Allow someone to *perform* your work in public (or not).
5. Allow someone to *base another work* on yours (or not).

AS THE CREATOR OF A WORK – YOU HAVE THE RESPONSIBILITY TO:

EVERYONE has the **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect the exclusive rights of others. It's the Golden Rule and it's the law.

EVERYONE has the **RIGHT** to profit from their work, and

EVERYONE has the **RESPONSIBILITY** to respect the rights of others.

PLAGIARISM

Plagiarism is stealing someone else's work and using it as your own. Plagiarism is a violation of the Student Code of Conduct and is treated as a very serious matter here at Northwest-Shoals Community College. Don't do it and protect yourself from someone else who may copy your work.

PROTECT YOURSELF BY KEEPING YOUR WORK SAFE



PEER-TO-PEER FILE SHARING

Peer-to-peer simply means that the files (music, video or documents) are shared among various computer users, not downloaded from a database. If one user doesn't have what you're searching for, another one will have it, and all are willing to share. There are various online services that are used to search among these "peers", such as Shareaza, BitTorrent, or Limewire. When you "share" these files, the original owner or creator of the music, video or document does not get paid for his/her work product.

Not only is this illegal, but College students and personnel are prohibited from using College networks and equipment in violation of copyright laws. The unauthorized reproduction of copyrighted materials or illegal downloading or sharing of copyrighted music, movies, books, software, etc., is a serious violation of NW-SCC's Network Usage Policy as well as U.S. Copyright Laws.

For more information on Copyright as it pertains to campus use, see:
<http://www.copyright.com/Services/copyrightoncampus/index.html>

The Northwest-Shoals Community College official Copyright Policy is available online at
<http://www.nwscc.edu/copyrightpolicy.pdf>

If you have any concerns regarding copyright infringement, please contact April Cookson, the designated DMCA agent for Northwest-Shoals Community College. Her contact information is:

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