

Copyright Infringement Policy

At Arthur's Beauty College we abide by the provisions of the federal Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA), which requires prompt response to claims of copyright infringement by copyright holders or their agents. If the institution receives an allegation of copyright infringement based on your use of the school's computers, the matter will be referred to the Director Of Compliance for further investigation. If you are found responsible after meeting with the Director Of Compliance, you are subject to disciplinary action including loss of network access, suspension or termination from school, and/or restitution or community service. The Internet is an essential tool in everyone's lives for both academic and everyday pursuits. Along with these benefits come responsibilities. One of the most critical is conforming to the copyright laws governing music, movies, games, and software over the Internet. You must have the consent of the copyright holder to make copies. The consequences of copyright infringement also extend outside of the institution. Copyright holders may assess civil liability and even criminal prosecution. Recently, the Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) has adopted the practice of sending schools pre-litigation settlement letters to be forwarded to individuals offering them "the opportunity to resolve copyright infringement claims against them at a discounted rate." Published reports indicate that the minimum settlement is \$3,000.00 per case. Another reason to be careful with file-sharing programs is that the installation procedures for most of them enable default open access worldwide to information on your system; thus, the integrity of your computer and personal information can be compromised through illegal file sharing, including making you vulnerable to identity theft.

For more information, please see the website of the U.S. Copyright Office at www.copyright.gov, especially their FAQ's at www.copyright.gov/help/faq.