

# THE KNOWS OF COPYRIGHT INFRINGEMENT



As the practice of File Sharing continues to grow, make sure you are not sharing illegal or protected content.



## WHAT IS PROTECTED?

Copyright laws protect creative, informative, and practical work as long as it is original or fixed so it is perceived as original. This can include stories, music, movies, video games, podcasts, photographs, plays and more.

## THE RISK

- Expose your network to viruses, spyware, worms and malware.
- Open your family up to identity theft.
- Put your children at risk of cybercrimes.
- Possible legal issues.



## HOW WE KNOW

- Copyright trolls monitor the web.
- Trolls contact Home Telecom with IP address of infringement.
- Home Telecom MUST inform the alleged offender to stop further infringement or we could face legal trouble.

## HOW TO AVOID

- **Use Caution When It Isn't Your Work:** A copyright symbol does not have to be present to be covered.
- **Read License Agreements:** Sharing music online may not be allowed by the license agreements.
- **Look for Fair Use:** Educational or non-commercial use of articles or photos may not be exempt from infringement.



## EXAMPLES

- Recording movies in theaters.
- Downloading movies and music without proper payment for use.
- Copying books, blogs, or podcast without permission.
- Using others' photos without permission.
- Uploading files for download without permission of owner.