



# Ohio Institute of Allied Health

School of Integrative Healthcare

**Subject:** Copyright Infringement, Computer Usage, and File Sharing

**Policy:**

**Copyright Infringement:**

It is the policy of The Ohio Institute of Allied Health, Inc. to follow the United States Copyright Law of 1976, as amended, (Title 17, United States Code, hereinafter, the "Copyright Act"). Accordingly, all faculty, staff and students of The Ohio Institute of Allied Health should follow these policy guidelines:

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If permitted by State law and procedures, The Ohio Institute of Allied Health will defend any faculty or staff member against a civil action alleging copyright infringement:

- where the use is in accordance with the provisions of a valid software license agreement
- where the permission of the copyright owner has been obtained, or
- where the Office of General Counsel has assisted in determining that the use was permissible.

Otherwise, the faculty or staff member will be personally responsible for the defense of a civil action for copyright infringement.

**Computer Usage:**

The use of any Ohio Institute of Allied Health computer which provides access to the Internet is a privilege which may be revoked by instructors, staff, or administrators at any time for abusive or inappropriate conduct. Such conduct would include, but is not limited to, the placing of unlawful information on or through the computer, system, accessing another person's files or e-mail, and the use of obscene, abusive, or otherwise objectionable language or images in either public or private files or messages.



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Because of the potentially large number of individuals who might need to use the computers for Internet as well as personal productivity, student access may be limited to a specified time, as provided by the instructor(s) and/or administration.

Ohio Institute of Allied Health reserves the right to inspect any material stored in files to which users have access and will edit or remove any material which the Ohio Institute of Allied Health staff, in its sole discretion, believes may be objectionable. Users of the computers/Internet will not use their account to obtain, view, download, or otherwise gain access to potentially objectionable materials. This includes text materials, video images, or sound files that may be considered objectionable.

The Ohio Institute of Allied Health's Internet access is provided primarily for educational purposes under the direction of Ohio Institute of Allied Health staff. Non-educational use may be limited at any time by Ohio Institute of Allied Health staff.

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Rules and regulations of system usage will be added and posted from time to time by the faculty/administrators of Ohio Institute of Allied Health and/or the network. Users of computers/Internet are subject to these rules and regulations.

The Ohio Institute of Allied Health's computers/network is intended for the exclusive use of its registered users. As a user, you are responsible for the use of your password and account. Any problems which arise from the use of a user's account are the responsibility of the account holder. Any misuse will result in suspension of the account privileges.

Deletion, examination, copying, or modification of files and/or data belonging to other users without their prior consent is prohibited.

Commercial software is placed on the computer for the use and convenience of students and staff. Any unlawful use such as the copying of copyrighted material without the express written permission of the owner or the proper license is prohibited.

Any unauthorized, deliberate action which damages or disrupts a computing system (including the willful introduction of computer "viruses" or other disruptive/destructive programs), alters its normal performance, or causes it to malfunction is prohibited. Intentional attempts to "crash" network systems or programs are punishable disciplinary offenses.



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## **File Sharing:**

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The unauthorized distribution of copyrighted material, including unauthorized peer-to-peer file sharing, may subject you to disciplinary action as well as civil and criminal liabilities.

Access to the Internet is a wonderful opportunity to interact with the world at large. The opportunity brings with it a number of responsibilities. In order to use the internet services available at the Ohio Institute of Allied Health, you must read the following information and sign the computer/internet agreement that follows.