

If your kids use Limewire, Kazaa, or Bearshare, YOU could be sued

No matter what your kids tell you, downloading or sharing music without paying for it is completely illegal.

On the federal level, titles 17 and 18 of the U.S. Code protect copyright owners from the unauthorized reproduction or distribution of sound recordings. The penalties differ slightly, depending upon whether the infringing activity is for commercial advantage or private financial gain. Under U.S. copyright law, "financial gain" includes bartering or trading anything of value, including sound recordings.

Where the infringing activity is for commercial advantage or private financial gain, sound recording infringements can be punishable by up to five years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. Repeat offenders can be imprisoned for up to 10 years. Violators can also be held civilly liable for actual damages, lost profits, or statutory damages up to \$150,000 per infringement, that's PER SONG, as well as attorney's fees and costs.

Even if you don't trade music, and only download it illegally, the online infringement of copyrighted music can be punished by up to 3 years in prison and \$250,000 in fines. Repeat offenders can be imprisoned up to 6 years. Individuals also may be held civilly liable, regardless of whether the activity is for profit, for actual damages or lost profits, or for statutory damages up to \$150,000 per infringed copyright.

And the person who pays the bill for the internet is the person who gets sued, so the kids get off free!

Even the "paid" versions of Kazaa, Bearshare, or Limewire do not entitle the user to download or trade songs without paying for them! The only advantage to those paid versions is that they install less adware and spyware than the free versions.

At a single \$250,000 fine plus up to \$150,000 per song, you can see how easy it would be for a seemingly innocent child to help you lose your life savings and even your home.

These are some serious penalties! It's not worth going to jail for the latest bad rap song.

Computer Care Clinic is the ONLY computer service that offers a free security scan to determine if your child (or his or her friends using your computer) is using one or more of these illegal file-trading programs. We can remove these programs and their bad side effects, such as viruses and spyware, and recommend legal alternatives for downloading today's hottest music.

Even when you uninstall these file sharing programs, remnants remain, such as dangerous viruses and spyware, which can cause all kinds of problems if you're not properly protected. And most antivirus programs will not stop spyware - you'll need a separate program to eliminate spyware.

Computer Care Clinic always offers a free, no-obligation in-store security scan and diagnosis. We've even got solutions that can prevent your children from installing these illegal file share programs in the future!

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