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Annually, NMSU is required by Law to remind its students, faculty, and staff about copyright infringement. Some within the NMSU community, especially those new to the university, take advantage of "free" (aka illegal) music and movie download services, and then find themselves faced with copyright violations, and potential fines and other penalties.

NMSU takes the illegal downloading of copyrighted material seriously, and so does the federal government. In fact, anyone found to have infringed on a copyrighted work through illegal downloading may be liable for statutory damages of up to \$30,000 for each work infringed and, if willful infringement is proven by the copyright owner, that amount may be increased to up to \$150,000 for each work infringed.

Be smart, don't download copyrighted material without the legal right to do so. For more information on copyright essentials at NMSU: including student Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ); downloading copyrighted material; face-to-face classroom issues; online/distance classroom issues; fair use; and open source and creator rights please visit

- <http://nmsu.libguides.com/content.php?pid=60019&sid=662811> .

Additionally, you can also visit external resources listed below for more information regarding copyright.

- Copyright Laws - <http://www.copyright.gov/laws/>
- Recording Industry Association of America (RIAA) - http://www.riaa.com/physicalpiracy.php?content_selector=What-is-Online-Piracy
- Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA) - <http://www.mpaa.org/why-copyright-matters/>

If you have any questions regarding this notice, please do not hesitate to contact me at norma@nmsu.edu.

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