



Security

File Sharing Risks

File Sharing is the practice of providing sharing access to various file types including documents, music, videos, images, etc. The File sharing process occurs when moving/copying one or more files to another computer or remote location. While the allure of free content is tempting, they carry a number of risks:

- Many of the free file sharing services carry viruses!
- If you download and run one of these malicious files, you will infect your device.
- The infected device may redistribute the malicious file to others on the network.
- Another risk of file sharing is the violation of copyright infringement.
- If you download and distribute files with file sharing services that are copyrighted, the activity will be monitored by copyright holders.
- You are not anonymous and your IP address can be tracked.
- If caught, you will receive a cease and desist statement by your Internet Service Provider (ISP).

For any questions or concerns regarding this information, please contact the Collin College Technical Support HelpDesk:

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