

WHAT IS COPYRIGHT AND HOW DOES IT AFFECT STUDENTS AT SDSM&T?

WHEN IS SHARING BAD?

WHEN IS SHARING ILLEGAL?

WHEN DOES SHARING INFRINGE ON COPYRIGHTED MATERIALS?

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More information on how the entire SDSM&T Campus Community will work together to combat unauthorized distribution of copyrighted materials will be posted on this site soon.

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