

# Don't let P2P file sharing haunt you!



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**Everyday, millions of computer users share files online. Whether it is music, games, or software, file-sharing can give people access to a wealth of information.**

Sounds promising, right? Maybe, but make sure that you consider the trade-offs. The Federal Trade Commission (FTC), the nation's consumer protection agency, cautions that file-sharing can have a number of risks. For example, when you are connected to file-sharing programs, you may unknowingly allow others to copy private files – even giving access to entire folders and subfolders – you never intended to share. You may download material that is protected by copyright laws and find yourself mired in legal issues. You may download a virus or facilitate a security breach.

**September: National Campus Safety Awareness Month**

**October: National Cyber Security Awareness Month**

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