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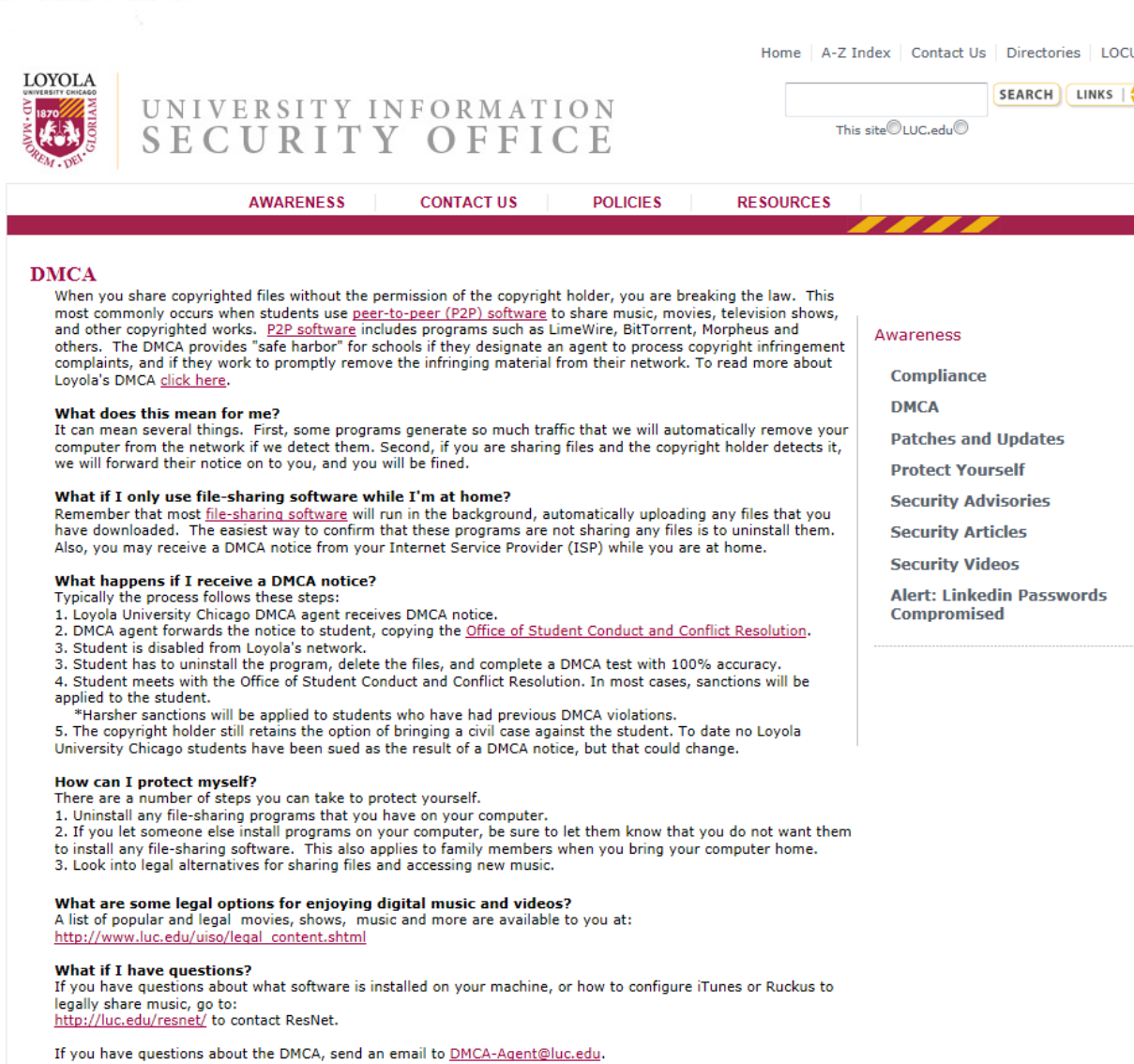


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DMCA limits the liability of online service providers, such as Loyola University Chicago, for certain copyright infringement liability if various procedures are followed. This policy is intended to take advantage of the liability protections in the DMCA.



The screenshot shows the website for the University Information Security Office at Loyola University Chicago. The page is titled "DMCA" and contains several sections of information. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for Home, A-Z Index, Contact Us, Directories, and LOCUS. Below this is a search bar and a "LINKS" button. The main content area is divided into four tabs: AWARENESS, CONTACT US, POLICIES, and RESOURCES. The "DMCA" section is currently selected. The text explains that sharing copyrighted files without permission is illegal and lists common software used for file sharing. It provides a "safe harbor" for schools and offers a "click here" link for more information. The page also includes sections for "What does this mean for me?", "What if I only use file-sharing software while I'm at home?", "What happens if I receive a DMCA notice?", and "How can I protect myself?". A sidebar on the right lists various resources under the heading "Awareness", including Compliance, DMCA, Patches and Updates, Protect Yourself, Security Advisories, Security Articles, Security Videos, and an alert about LinkedIn passwords. The footer of the page features the Loyola University Chicago logo and the motto "AD MAIOREM DEI GLORIAM".

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What does this mean for me?
It can mean several things. First, some programs generate so much traffic that we will automatically remove your computer from the network if we detect them. Second, if you are sharing files and the copyright holder detects it, we will forward their notice on to you, and you will be fined.

What if I only use file-sharing software while I'm at home?
Remember that most [file-sharing software](#) will run in the background, automatically uploading any files that you have downloaded. The easiest way to confirm that these programs are not sharing any files is to uninstall them. Also, you may receive a DMCA notice from your Internet Service Provider (ISP) while you are at home.

What happens if I receive a DMCA notice?
Typically the process follows these steps:
1. Loyola University Chicago DMCA agent receives DMCA notice.
2. DMCA agent forwards the notice to student, copying the [Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution](#).
3. Student is disabled from Loyola's network.
4. Student has to uninstall the program, delete the files, and complete a DMCA test with 100% accuracy.
5. Student meets with the Office of Student Conduct and Conflict Resolution. In most cases, sanctions will be applied to the student.
*Harsher sanctions will be applied to students who have had previous DMCA violations.
6. The copyright holder still retains the option of bringing a civil case against the student. To date no Loyola University Chicago students have been sued as the result of a DMCA notice, but that could change.

How can I protect myself?
There are a number of steps you can take to protect yourself.
1. Uninstall any file-sharing programs that you have on your computer.
2. If you let someone else install programs on your computer, be sure to let them know that you do not want them to install any file-sharing software. This also applies to family members when you bring your computer home.
3. Look into legal alternatives for sharing files and accessing new music.

What are some legal options for enjoying digital music and videos?
A list of popular and legal movies, shows, music and more are available to you at:
http://www.luc.edu/uiso/legal_content.shtml

What if I have questions?
If you have questions about what software is installed on your machine, or how to configure iTunes or Ruckus to legally share music, go to:
<http://luc.edu/resnet/> to contact ResNet.

If you have questions about the DMCA, send an email to DMCA-Agent@luc.edu.

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Persons who are found to intentionally or repeatedly violate the copyright rights of others may be denied access to all University computing and networking facilities and resources. All instances of reported copyright violations will be reported to the appropriate University authority in accordance with the policies for possible additional disciplinary actions.



Contact & Website Information

If you have any questions about DMCA, send an **e-mail** to dmca-agent@luc.edu

Websites: <http://luc.edu/uiso/dmca.shtml>

http://www.luc.edu/its/policies/policy_dmca.shtml





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