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# Digital Millennium Copyright Act

## Why did I receive this notice?

South Central Communications has received a notification from the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) for unauthorized use of copyrights. This message was forwarded to you as a warning of the infringement used over your Internet connection. Most notices are in reference to copyrighted material (such as movies and music) being downloaded illegally.

## What is the Digital Millennium Copyright Act?

The Digital Millennium Copyright Act (DMCA) is a United States copyright law that implements two 1996 treaties of the World Intellectual Property Organization (WIPO). It criminalizes production and dissemination of technology, devices, or services intended to circumvent measures (commonly known as digital rights management or DRM) that control access to copyrighted works. It also criminalizes the act of circumventing an access control, whether or not there is actual infringement of copyright itself. In addition, the DMCA heightens the penalties for copyright infringement on the Internet.[1][2] Passed on October 12, 1998, by a unanimous vote in the United States Senate and signed into law by President Bill Clinton on October 28, 1998, the DMCA amended Title 17 of the United States Code to extend the reach of copyright, while limiting the liability of the providers of online services for copyright infringement by their users. For additional information please visit:

[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital\\_Millennium\\_Copyright\\_Act](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Digital_Millennium_Copyright_Act)

## Will my account be suspended or disconnected?

Repeat offenders of copyright infringement could result in customer's connections being disconnected.

## Could someone else be using my connection?

If you have a wireless router it is possible. South Central Communications urges all customers to secure their wireless network to prevent someone from connecting to your wireless Internet connection.