Subject: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by cassiem0221 on Tue, 19 Jun 2007 21:02:13 GMT
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I have been told many times that downloading music for free is illegal. Is this true? I would like to burn some cds but don't want to pay tons for music downloads.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by randle on Wed, 20 Jun 2007 00:15:08 GMT
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Yes of course it is illegal but it doesnt stop people from doing it though. You don't own the rights to distribute or burn copies of products that aren't yours. So there for you can get in trouble.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by Gilipsie on Thu, 06 Sep 2007 15:52:25 GMT
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Actually, some artists do allow you to download their music for free. It all depends on what you are looking for and what type of music you listen to. Let me know what you are into and I will see if I know of any sites where you could get your music for free.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by Crystal on Tue, 11 Sep 2007 02:28:28 GMT
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Funny! there is a simple answer to this question. It's your decision. I can tell you why you should download free music but it doesn't mean that you are actually going to listen. Why should you when you continue to run into software that brings you the music free with just a simple download. You can take these types of risks if you wish but just know that the penalty can be huge If choosen to be caught. You don't have the rights, copyright Infringement is a huge crime, in the eyes of the recording company. Don't get me wrong, I could care less about downloading a couple of songs here and there because the recording companies have done nothing but steal from the artist etc. But if they pick you to get nasty with, they could have you bankrupted through three generations.It's really all about moral standards and the respect for music. If you have that respect for music then you will buy most of your music. Artists work hard to make good music for you to listen to.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by sacback on Wed, 26 Sep 2007 17:25:12 GMT
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Heck I want to know where you can get free music from because I don't know of any true sites that allow you to download music for free without any problems. Unless it is illegal.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by Maxie on Sat, 08 May 2010 16:32:04 GMT
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If you google 'free music downloads legally' you will find several websites that allow you to download music free and also claim to do it legally. Whether or not their claims are true, you will have to decide that for yourself.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by DaBase on Sat, 15 May 2010 00:17:21 GMT
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I wouldn't chance it because it's not worth it. You can download songs or albums at many different paid sites legally. I mean you can't go to the store and get groceries for free or you wouldn't go to work for free right? So why should the artists offer their music for free?

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by Dizzy on Thu, 03 Jun 2010 14:13:34 GMT
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There are many options that give you cheap music downloads so I don't see the point in chancing it. Without the costs of pressing discs, really they SHOULD be able to sell cheaper-especially if they cut out the middle man.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by soundman on Wed, 04 Aug 2010 09:15:26 GMT
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Yes it is illegal to do so.

I believe some paid download services will allow you to transfer tracks to any medium of your choice.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by JiminyCricket on Wed, 04 Aug 2010 14:18:22 GMT
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When I am on MySpace I see lots of offers from artists to download their music for no cost. Fair enough they may not be famous but one day they might be and if you like the sound then why not?

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by rockhound on Wed, 04 Aug 2010 22:27:03 GMT
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Yes it is illegal but burning a copy of a friends CD seems pretty harmless to me but why risk it?

There are many options out there so you can get music for about $10 a month or less. I can think of a couple subscription services that have huge libraries that you can save your favorites and play them through your computer or send them to a receiver on your stereo without having to pay for each track. They even have subscriptions that allows you to download songs to a special device like an ipod.

There are also streaming sites you can build your own library for free and listen through your computer or stereo.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by Frontrowticket on Thu, 12 Aug 2010 10:24:05 GMT
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Rockhound, I'd be interested in any specific sites you use and can vouch for. Do you find that they are updated fairly regularly? I am going to look into this as a few bucks a month is worth it in karma points alone.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by rockhound on Thu, 12 Aug 2010 13:34:58 GMT
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The best deal I found is Rhapsody. Napster has a subscription service as well.

There is a total free service for streaming called Grooveshark and for on demand type radio try Pandora.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by addictedtosound on Thu, 02 Sep 2010 18:05:50 GMT
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A fuzzy area seems to be what happens once you have legally purchased the music, some services will only allow you to put it on a specific amount of devices before the track is blocked, my opinion is that once you've bought the track you should be able to do anything you want with it.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by jazzlover on Mon, 11 Oct 2010 04:40:08 GMT
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Just do it, but don't sell it. Fact is, the music laws have not kept up with the times. There are so many gray areas already. Downloading music is one of them. If a source is illegal, it's not your problem. It's the source's problem.

But making money out of downloaded is definitely crossing the line. Even if you paid for such music, selling it is still illegal. You have to pay royalties to the publisher and get an array of licenses and permits to do it legally.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by Adveser on Mon, 11 Oct 2010 05:10:22 GMT
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I have long considered purchasing one copy of any music or movie format a license to use the content as long as I want, we've been past the actual format being the issue for buying it, so I say one purchase of any sort is in the spirit of CD technologies' "lifelong enjoyment" clause.

The simply answer to this problem is that if you want it bad enough and demand that it be 100% legal, simply move to one of the various and numerous countries that do not consider a digital file to be an illegal infringement on copyright. I think even Canada takes this position.

Here in the US, our government has basically decided the film and music industry know best and whatever they want should be law. They are going so far as to begin an incremental shutdown of the free internet in the name of piracy.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by jazzlover on Wed, 13 Oct 2010 09:25:40 GMT
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What puzzles me is that Limewire keeps on operating despite the legal battles it is facing. It even has the gull to state in their email newsletter that we all should download music from Limewire and not from iTunes. I wonder how Limewire is able to stay alive.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by Adveser on Wed, 13 Oct 2010 17:15:28 GMT
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They don't revolve around any central server. Once you have their software, they don't need to exist any longer for their product to endure.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by Wolfgang on Wed, 20 Oct 2010 19:14:18 GMT
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Crystal is right. It's all about moral standards. But what I don't understand is that why P2P sites like Limewire are not banned. If music industries are serious enough they should penalize the sites for allowing people to share music and videos online for free.

I heard one argument regarding this topic before. They said that sharing music and videos online is just like allowing your friends to listen to or watch them and you don't charge them for that. Same thing with using online facility, you're just sharing your files to a wider group of people.

Subject: Re: Legally download music to burn to CDs?
Posted by jazzlover on Thu, 21 Oct 2010 12:28:29 GMT
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It becomes illegal when the publisher or composer does not allow their music to be freely distributed. I know, you'd say all publishers and composers would not want their music to be freely distributed.

Fact is, some do allow their music to be freely distributed. You may ask, why would they do that? Enlightened composers now realize that by allowing people to freely download and listen to their music, they are able to advertise themselves better than money-sucking radio stations can.

So, what about publishers or composers who do not want their music to be freely distributed. You're absolutely right in saying it's a moral issue. It's theft, you may say.

The reality is, our music copyright laws have not kept up with the times. Enforcement of music copyright laws has also not kept up with the times. All these laws and enforcement systems have been crafted on the assumption that music is something that sticks to vinyl or tapes. But ever since the digital age came in, that assumption is no longer true. Music is now something that zooms in and out undetected.

So, shall we now say that 150 million Americans are thieves?

There's something wrong in the picture, isn't there?