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Class of work: DVD Movies

Summary: Circumventing DVD encryption to make a backup copy for personal use.

The DMCA restrictions on copying DVD movies should have an exemption for personal backups. As it currently stands anyone that makes a copy of a DVD they own is breaking a Federal law. The majority of people that make backup copies aren't out there selling them on the street. They're making copies so the original can sit there in it's case while the backup takes the abuse from them, their kids, their pets and so on. I make copies of any of my movies that I know I'm going to watch a lot. Let the backup take the wear and tear while the original sits there. Granted there are people that are making copies and selling them, however making an exemption that clearly states the copies can only be legally made as personal backups will still allow law enforcement to go after the pirates while leaving the rest alone. Having legislation that makes everyone a federal criminal by default because they exercise their fair use rights is a failure of our government and needs to be changed.