

Is Your Software Illegal?

If it is, your company could face serious legal, financial and technological risks.

According to the Business Software Alliance, small businesses paid more than \$11.4 million in fines to settle software piracy claims in 2006, and they face the greatest risk for software piracy, not only due to their lack of established software management practices, but also because they are less likely to recognize the benefits of software policies.

The organization recently partnered with the U.S. Small Business Administration to produce a range of educational materials that communicate proper software strategies to small businesses. Coined “Software Strategies for Small Businesses,” the program resources include best practices publications, free software audit tools, e-newsletters and Web seminars.

Visit www.smartaboutsoftware.org for a calendar of online events or for more information on the program.

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