

The following is a message from Dassault Systèmes SolidWorks Corporation regarding the growing issue of software piracy and compliance.

"A Message About Preventing Software Piracy.

Many businesses may not realise that their employees are playing with their organisation's company ethics and computer safety by pirating software.

Every day, employees download illegal software from the Internet, over-install programs (install more copies than they have valid licenses for) and buy and install counterfeit or unauthorised products.

Running software without a valid license is software theft and this is a high stakes gamble for any organisation. When was the last time that you reminded your employees or customers to check their networks for unlicensed software?

Dassault Systèmes SolidWorks Corporation believes that our customers are ethical. Unfortunately, it may be that not all understand that good business governance means a good system of checks and balances throughout the organisation to ensure ethical and legal operations.

With the increased use of the Internet at work, it's becoming necessary for businesses to make certain that company networks are not being used to conduct any illegal activities such as downloading unlicensed software from peer-to-peer (P2P) systems. Unauthorised file sharing of copyrighted work consumes system resources and violates laws. P2P downloading can also expose your business to viruses, spyware, pornography and security breaches. One way to minimise these risks is to educate employees about using company resources responsibly.

Dassault Systèmes SolidWorks Corporation is serious about software piracy. We are members of the Business Software Alliance (BSA). For more information about software piracy or to report piracy, log on to http://www.bsa.org or write to antipiracy@solidworks.com."

As a recognised SolidWorks UK Reseller; Solid Applications offers a service to help educate customers and allow them to safeguard against piracy and compliance issues regarding SolidWorks software.

If you would like to discuss these services to give you total peace of mind please contact us on (0)121 544 1400 or via our website http://www.solidapps.co.uk/contact

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