

# hiring a dj?

## Here are some suggestions to assist you in your selection

- Does the DJ offer a written agreement stating when they will start and finish performing and the time they will arrive on site to set up?
- If the music is provided by computer, MP3 or burned CDs, is the DJ AVLA licensed or are they a member of an AVLA licensed DJ Association?
- Is there a “back-up” DJ and equipment if there is a last minute problem?
- Is the DJ insured?
- Have you met the DJ who will actually be performing at your event prior to its date?

The **Audio Video Licensing Agency** is a collective representing the owners of the copyright in sound recordings and music videos and administers licensing in Canada on their behalf. AVLA has over 950 members, including all of the multi-national and major independent record companies who hold the exclusive copyright interest in over 95% of the sound recordings produced and/or distributed in Canada.

Unlicensed copying of sound recordings or music videos for use other than private listening is an infringement of Canadian copyright law and may be subject to legal prosecution.

AVLA has investigators across Canada who enforce our licensing program by conducting random visits to venues.



# you should know

## **You or your DJ need an AVLA licence if:**

- You are using sound recordings copied onto on a computer hard drive, MP3 type device, CD-Rs or cassettes.

## **You or your DJ do not need an AVLA licence if:**

- You are playing your music from the original LP/cassette/CD purchased at a retail store.
- You are using CDs or DVDs you have leased from an AVLA licensed music supply service.

## **Single Event licences are available**

If you are not hiring a DJ but you are using music copied onto a computer hard drive, iPod or any MP3 type device, CDRs, cassettes or mini-discs at your event, contact AVLA for a **one time licence** (\$50 + tax).

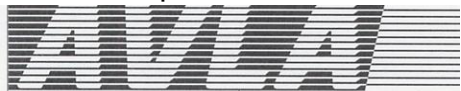
## **DJs may not download music from the internet for commercial purposes\***

The “terms & conditions” on legal download sites clearly state that the content is for personal, non-commercial purposes only.

\* Downloads obtained directly from a record label or via DMDS are permissible. iTunes downloads are also permissible, provided that an AVLA DJ licence has been obtained in conjunction with the downloads.

## **CD-Rs as give-aways**

It is unlawful to create cds by copying music to use as a give-away without the permission of the owner of the copyright of that music.



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