Plagiarism: A summary of the SFU tutorial

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Plagiarism involves using the words or ideas of another person without crediting them as

the creator. Plagiarism is sometimes carried out with intention, but can also occur inadvertently by someone who is not familiar with all of the aspect of this serious offense. Students are particularly at risk for committing plagiarism, as they are often researching, learning new ideas, and then rewriting these ideas in their papers.

A direct quote must be contained in quotation marks, or the appropriate indented form in APA style. Paraphrasing in order to avoid citing must be carefully considered, as if the form and words are close to the original it is merely patch writing, and this also constitutes plagiarism. Hiring a friend or tutor, (collusion) or purchasing a paper online are also plagiarism, as is using your own work that has been previously submitted or published.

To avoid committing plagiarism, several techniques are suggested. Firstly, writers are advised to take a tutorial or review effective paraphrasing, and to use correct form and citation when quoting. It is also advised to take careful notes while researching, copying down the source information with all necessary information. In this way the risk of plagiarizing is minimized.

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