

Case Study 2: Negligence

What happened to me was truly unexpected. Due to the lockdown restrictions some of us couldn't use Uni facilities for our work. Luckily, I had a particular software needed for the coursework and I let my friend come over to use my computer. After the deadline I was accused of academic misconduct.

I was so confused, but then my friend confessed to stealing my work and submitting it as their own when I had left the room. I felt so betrayed and angry.

From speaking to my friend, I found out that they were having personal troubles and were suffering from poor mental health. If you feel like this I recommend students feeling like this to ask for support whether that be from the Uni's counselling service, your tutors or just telling someone you know you need help. I've now forgiven my friend, and they wrote me a poem to apologise. However, I have learned not to be negligent with my work ever again. You need to protect your work by taking measures such as password protecting your work and locking your device.