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EVERYTHING YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT COPYRIGHT

Creating, duplicating, and distributing content has never been easier.

However, content creators have rights and content consumers/users have responsibilities.

Copyright ensures the legal protection and ethical use of original works of authorship as soon as an author fixes the work in a tangible form of expression.

- **Original:** Independently created by a human author and with at least a minimal degree of creativity.
- **Fixed:** Captured in a sufficiently permanent medium such that the work can be perceived, reproduced, or communicated for more than a short time.

YES

Illustrations
Musical compositions
Blog Posts
Manuals
Sound recordings
Plays
Architectural works
Videogames
Photographs
Databases
Business proposals
Paintings
Lectures & speeches
Poems
Annual reports
Software codes
Movies
Books
Computer & mobile software applications
Letters & emails sent by a business
And much more!

NO

Titles
Names
Discoveries
Processes
Principles
Concepts
Procedures
Short phrases and slogans
Familiar symbols or designs
News, events and current facts
Methods
Systems
Mere variations of typographic ornamentation, lettering, or colouring
Works transferred to the public domain
Official documents such as the texts of laws, regulations, etc.

Anyone can be a copyright owner:

- Individual creators.
- Companies and organisations for "**work made for hire**," i.e. work created by an employee or contractor within the scope of engagement.

In the **UAE**, copyright is protected throughout the lifetime of the author + 20 to 50 years depending on the nature of the work.

Copyright gives you two types of exclusive rights.

Economic rights, allowing you to authorise or prohibit your work's:

- Reproduction
- Distribution to the public
- Public performance
- Broadcasting or other communication
- Translation
- Adaption.

Moral rights:

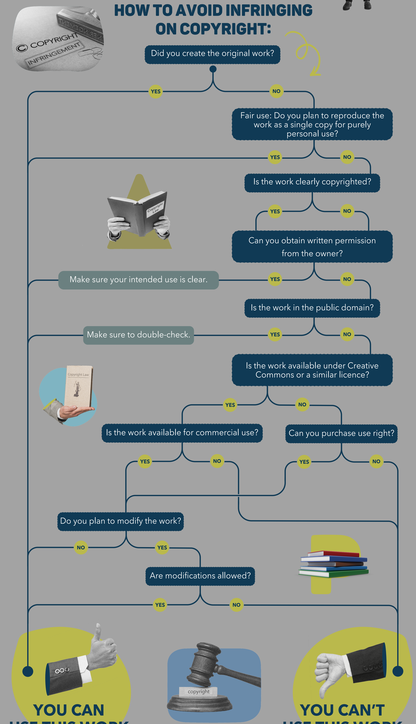
- To claim authorship
- To decide the first publication
- To object to any distortion or modification.

Copyright exists as soon as your work is created and fixed. But you should register copyright for business-critical works. It will strengthens your case if your copyright is infringed.

You can also license your work under Creative Commons.

- Others will get to use your work under certain standardised conditions.

HOW TO AVOID INFRINGING ON COPYRIGHT:



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Protect your IP.