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Copyright





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What is copyright?

- it's the tangible and original expression of an idea and must exhibit some degree of labour, skill or judgement in its creation
- automatically exists in law from the point of creation
- provides legal protection for original work, eg writing and literary works, computer software, art, photography, films, TV, music, web content, sound recordings
- should be valued and protected, it's an asset for both individuals and organisations
- gives the copyright owner control over how their work is used
- provides protection for a particular period, eg in the UK, the protection for literary works is lifetime plus 70 years

Copyright gives people/organisations control over how their work is used, eg:

- copying the work
- distributing copies of it, whether free of charge or for sale
- renting or lending copies of the work
- performing, showing or playing the work in public
- making an adaptation of the work
- putting it on the internet

While each country has its own national copyright legislation, there are international agreements such as the Berne Convention which provide protection.

Copyright exceptions

At times, people may wish to make use of someone else's copyright protected works for specific purposes such as education and research and there are permitted exceptions to allow such uses (Fair Dealing and Fair Use) where you do not have to seek the permission of the copyright owner, eg:

- you may copy limited extracts of works for non-commercial research or private study but only if you're genuinely studying, eg at university
- for the purposes of criticism, review or quotation

- for use in reporting current events (but this doesn't apply to photographs)
- to create a parody or a pastiche
- to enable researchers to make copies of copyright material for the purpose of 'computational analysis' (text and data mining), if they already have lawful access to the work

You have to consider a number of factors when deciding whether a particular use of a work is fair and these factors will vary from country to country.

Why is copyright important for CABI?

- intellectual property is at the heart of CABI's work: copyright protects that IP and allows CABI to exploit it
- enables CABI to generate revenue from its IP
- enables CABI to create new products and services, using both our own IP and properly licensed third-party material
- we need to know the copyright of material we use in order to process permissions requests
- CABI's reputation could be severely damaged by staff misuse of third-party copyrighted material, and infringement can attract heavy financial penalties

Why is it important for CABI staff?

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- provides recognition and protection for work
- compliance with copyright laws and regulations is good for your and our reputation
- gives you some control over re-use of work
- helps with discoverability, by using legitimate channels for work
- helps avoid accusations of plagiarism and self-plagiarism
- is important to clear permissions for third party material properly so that you can use it legitimately in your work
- ensures work can be re-used by CABI check licence terms
- protects the work of others, where CABI uses non-original material

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Use of third party material

You need to be aware of a number of things when using third party material in the course of your work:

- check the usage rights, is CABI allowed to use the material in its products and services, are there any limitations?
- check websites for the Terms and Conditions these are often found at the foot of a website homepage



- are there Creative Commons licences governing reuse and do you know what they mean?
- are there any other licences governing reuse?
- ensure that you do due diligence and keep a clear audit trail when seeking to use third-party material so that any member of staff or external auditor can see that you've followed the correct procedures

Public Domain

This term refers to creative materials that are not protected by intellectual property laws such as copyright, trademarks and patents. Such works are not owned by any particular person or organisation. Anyone can use works in the public domain without having to seek permission. In the US, work produced by government departments and agencies, eg USDA, NASA, is automatically placed in the public domain.

But beware:

- not everything that says it's public is in the public domain you need to check the provenance of a work
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