Creating Copyright Conscious Videos

Make copyright and respect for others’ work a priority

# Start with Legal Sources

Finding legal copies of materials is important. You can't make use of a copyright act exception, if you are using a copy of a work that has been stolen/pirated from its creator. When in doubt, go directly to the source of the content, such as the creator or copyright owner's website.

# Use Copyright Exceptions

The Copyright Act provides exceptions for the use of copyright protected works without permission. One exception in particular, the non-commercial user generated content exception, may be useful when creating videos. Further guidance is available on the Non-Commercial User Generated Content exception is [available](https://bit.ly/2lAnikG).

# Make Use of Open Materials

Open materials have licenses that allow for their use without permission. One of the most common open licenses is Creative Commons. You can find Creative Commons licensed materials across the web. See page two for more information.

# Credit Your Sources

In order to respect the original creator it is always important to credit them. Use the Library’s guide on [citing sources](https://uwaterloo.ca/library/find-and-useresources/citing-sources).

# Ask Questions

If you have questions, ask! Send your questions to University of Waterloo’s [copyright experts](mailto:copyright@uwaterloo.ca?subject=GRADflix%20Copyright%20Inquiry).

# Where to Find Open Licensed Content

## Keep the Following in Mind

* Be sure to provide credit to the creator. Providing credit can take many different forms. [Creative Commons](https://bit.ly/2YVORCN) has provided best practices for attribution.
* Use content only when you are reasonably sure that the creator has selected the open license. That is, don't use content if you it looks like someone other than the creator or owner has licensed it.

## Video

* Pixabay Video
  + The content has a Pixabay license, which doesn't require attribution.
* Vimeo
  + Search, then use the content filters on the left hand side to filter to videos with Creative Commons licenses.
* YouTube
* Search, then use the content filters at the top of the page. Under features, select 'Creative Commons'.

## Music

* [Free Music Archive](https://freemusicarchive.org)
  + Creative Commons licensed music. Browse the content and look for the license on the right hand side of the page.
* [Jamendo](https://www.jamendo.com/start)
  + Creative Commons licensed music. Click 'Free download' to see the license that applies.
* [Bensound](https://www.bensound.com/)
  + Royalty Free, Creative Commons Licensed music

## Images

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* [Pexels](https://www.pexels.com/)
* [Unsplash](https://unsplash.com/)
* [Flickr Commons](file:///C:\Users\kcouto\AppData\Local\Microsoft\Windows\INetCache\Content.Outlook\O009RYT7\•%09https:\www.flickr.com\commons)
* [CC Search](https://ccsearch.creativecommons.org/)