

Copyright Tips - As suggested by YouTube

What is copyright? Copyright is a form of protection provided for original works of authorship, including literary, dramatic, musical, graphic, and audiovisual creations. "Copyright" literally means the right to copy but has come to mean that body of exclusive rights granted by law to copyright owners for protection of their work.

What is copyright infringement? Copyright infringement occurs when a copyrighted work is reproduced, disturbed, preformed, publicly displayed, or made into a derivative work without permission of the copyright owner.

Posting copyright-infringing content can lead to the termination of your account, and possibly monetary damages if a copyright owner decides to take legal action (this is serious—you can get sued.) Below are some guidelines to help you determine whether your video is eligible or whether it infringes someone else's copyright:

******Be careful to make sure your video does not infringe on copyrights. Check our link on the AGJA Contest Resources web page for more information.***

How to make sure your video does not infringe someone else's copyright:

The way to ensure that your video doesn't infringe someone else's copyright is to use your skills and imagination to create something completely original. If it is all yours, you never have to worry about the copy- right - you own it. Make sure to follow the other guide- lines in the terms of use.

Be sure that all components of your video are your original creation - even the audio portion. For example, if you use an audio track of a sound recording owned by a record label without that record label's permission, your video may be infringing the copyrights of others, and may be subject to removal.

YouTube offers a library of authorized music to liven up your video.

- YouTube offers non-copyright music using their Audio Swap feature which can be used after your upload your video and select "Edit".
- Other non-copyright music can easily be found online using a web search for "non-copyright music" An example of a site with non-copyright music is <http://freeplaymusic.com/>