**What are the rights of a copyright owner?**

Under the Copyright Act, the owner has certain exclusive rights to control the use of their copyright material. The rights differ according to the type of [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/) protected. Note that for schools and TAFE many of these activities are covered by a [statutory or voluntary licence](https://smartcopying.edu.au/guidelines/copyright-basics/statutory-and-voluntary-licences/) or a [copyright exception](https://smartcopying.edu.au/guidelines/copyright-basics/copyright-exceptions/).

**a.**[**Literary**](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/literary-works/)**,**[**dramatic**](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/dramatic-works/)**and**[**musical works**](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/musical-works/)

The copyright owner has the right to:

* + [copy](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/) the [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/) in [material form](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/material-form/) (eg print or download the [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/))
  + [publish](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/published/) the [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/) (supply copies to the public)
  + [communicate](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/communicate/) the [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/) to the public (eg by email or upload to school [DTE](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/digital-teaching-environment-dte/))
  + perform the [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/) in public and
  + make an [adaptation](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/adaptation/) of the [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/) (eg writing a screenplay based on a novel, or a new arrangement of a song).

**b.**[**Artistic works**](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/artistic-works/)

The copyright owner has the right to:

* + [copy](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/) the [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/) in [material form](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/material-form/) (eg print or download the [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/))
  + [publish](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/published/) the [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/) (eg reproduce in a pamphlet) and
  + [communicate](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/communicate/) the [work](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/) to the public (by email, posting it on a school [DTE](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/digital-teaching-environment-dte/) or website).

**c.**[**Films**](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/film/)

The copyright owner has the right to:

* + make a [copy](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/) of the [film](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/film/) (eg convert a DVD to a digital version)
  + show the [film](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/film/) to the public (eg to show the [film](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/film/) at a school fundraiser) and
  + [communicate](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/communicate/) the [film](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/film/) to the public (eg upload the film to a TAFE website).

**d.**[**Sound Recordings**](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/sound-recordings/)

The copyright owner has the right to:

* + make a [copy](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/copy/) of the [sound recording](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/sound-recordings/) (eg make a compilation of digital recordings)
  + play the recording in public (eg to play the recording in a TAFE restaurant as background music) and
  + [communicate](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/communicate/) the recording to the public (eg upload to a school [DTE](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/digital-teaching-environment-dte/)).

**e.**[**Broadcasts**](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/broadcast/)

The copyright owner has the right to:

* + make a recording of the [broadcast](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/broadcast/)
  + re-broadcast the [broadcast](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/broadcast/) and
  + [communicate](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/communicate/) the [broadcast](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/broadcast/) to the public.