**What is protected by copyright?**

The Copyright Act divides the materials protected into two categories: [works](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/works/) and [other subject matter](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/subject-matter-other-than-works/). The rules applying to the two categories are different – for example, the length and scope of copyright protection differs for the two different categories. Examples of the two categories include:

**a. Works**

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| [Artistic Works](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/artistic-works/) | [Literary Works](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/literary-works/) | [Musical Works](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/musical-works/) | [Dramatic Works](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/dramatic-works/) |
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**b. Other Subject Matter**

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| [Films](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/film/) | [Sound Recordings](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/sound-recordings/) | [Broadcasts](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/broadcast/) | [Published Editions](https://smartcopying.edu.au/glossary/published-editions/) |
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