

HOW TO COPYRIGHT YOUR OWN WORK



WHY DO I CARE?

Your work can be stolen and used for profit.

- › Without copyright information, people should assume work is fully copyrighted and ask permission, BUT this is not always the case and can happen! A copyright indication or statement on your work can provide an extra layer of protection.

On the other side of the spectrum, you may want others to use your work, and if you do not add any copyright information:

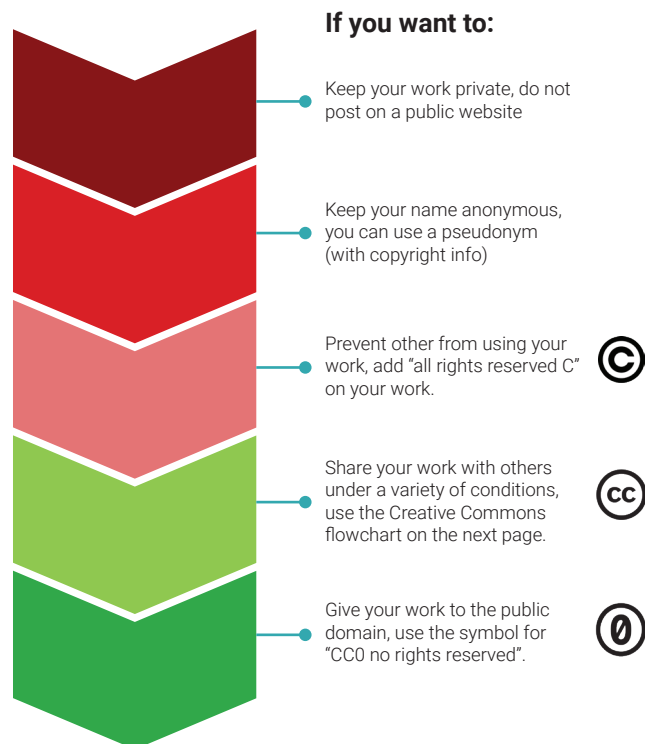
- › People may avoid using your work out of fear, or
- › they will not know who to ask for permission to use it.

Everyone automatically has copyrights to their own original work!

If a piece of work is completely your own, you own the copyright for it. BUT there are different types of copyright, and you have choices.

This is especially important if you want to guide how others use (or don't use) your work.

HOW DO YOU WANT OTHERS TO USE YOUR WORK?



HOW EXACTLY?

To apply specific copyrights to your work, all you need to do is to write, type, or add a copyright statement (such as "all rights reserved") or a CC license.

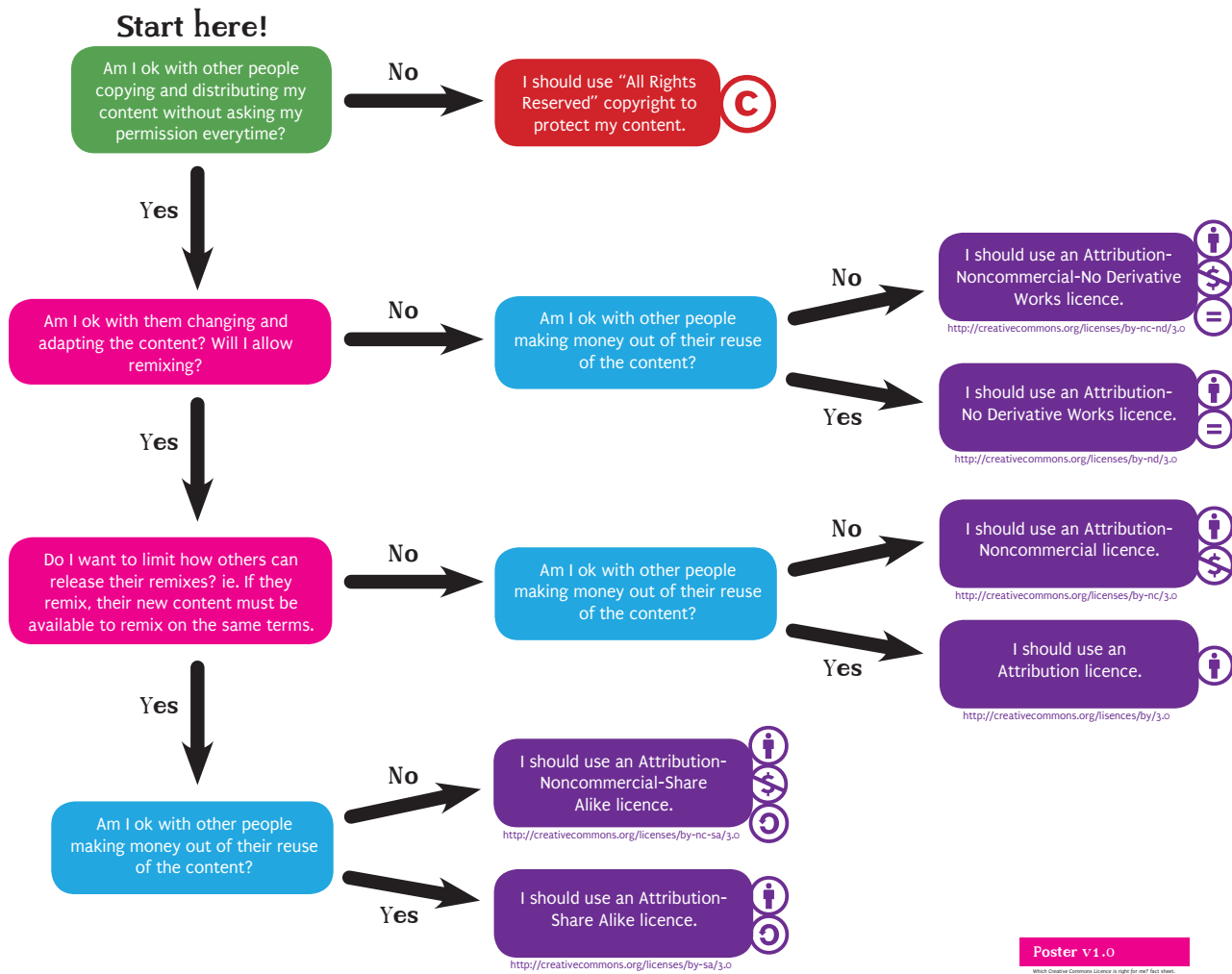
- › For example: You took a photograph and would like to share it with others, as long as they attribute your name and do not make a profit from it.



You can post your photograph on your school assignment website like **trubox**, adding date, your name, and the following CC copyright: [CC-BY-NC 4.0](#)

Note: hyperlink the specific license you are using.

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IMPORTANT CONSIDERATIONS.



If your work is not entirely your own, for example you are using an image in your work that somebody else created, you cannot copyright the work by yourself.

Also, if several people created the original work, the group needs to agree on how to copyright the work together.