

Images and the law

Every image on the internet is owned by someone

Even if it doesn't say so on the webpage

Which means that you **can't** just use anything you find

This is all to do with **copyright**

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If something is **copyrighted**, it means that it belongs to someone and you can't just use it without permission.

The © is the copyright symbol.

But: even if the image doesn't have a © by it, it's still copyright.

Assume that **everything** belongs to someone unless it says you can use it.

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If someone uses an image without permission they can be fined.

Fines of thousands of pounds for using copyrighted images are common.

This is particularly important for **commercial products** - DVD covers, magazines, book covers etc...

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Some images are **Public Domain**. This means you can use them in any way you want. You don't need to do anything.

Some images are **Creative Commons**. This means there are some conditions about how you can use the image - for example, you may need to **attribute** the work.

Some images are only free for **non-commercial** use.

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License

Unsplash photos are made to be used freely. Our license reflects that.

- ✓ All photos can be **downloaded** and used for **free**
- ✓ **Commercial** and **non-commercial** purposes
- ✓ **No permission needed** (though attribution is appreciated!)

What is not permitted 🙅

- 🚫 Photos cannot be **sold** without significant modification.
- 🚫 Compiling photos from Unsplash to replicate a similar or competing service.

Tip: How to give attribution

Even though attribution isn't required, Unsplash photographers appreciate it as it provides exposure to their work and encourages them to continue sharing.

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You can also buy the right to use an image.

Some images are **royalty free**.

This means that once you buy the image you can use it as much as you want - but you have to buy the rights to use it first.

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So, you can't just use any image you find.

This means that a **Google Image search is useless** for your work.

Fortunately there are other sources you can use.

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Copyright Free Images

These are all good places to look for copyright free images:

Mainly Photographs

- [Unsplash](#) - excellent quality, large images which are totally free to use
- [Pexels](#) - good size, totally copyright free images
- [Free Images](#) - does exactly what it says. Good size and quality images
- [Pixabay](#) - public domain images are entirely free to use. You can't download the largest size without becoming a member of the site and you might get Captchas slowing you down a bit, but still a good source
- [Snappy Goat](#) - really wide range of images. Avoid the sponsored ones at the top. Also has a cool name.
- [StockSnap](#) - good quality, but avoid the Shutterstock branded images at the top of each search
- [Wikipedia](#) - almost all images should be copyright free - there can be issues with logos etc...
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- [ISO Republic](#) - quite large and good quality photos
- [Morgue File](#) - good size and reasonable quality. But make sure you're searching in Morgue File and not one of the stock photo sites listed on it