

## **Copyright law**

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In the pre-digital era, the Audio Home Recording Act allowed anyone to record analog audio at home. When digital recording and the internet came along, it required re-visiting the law (Copyright).

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copyright\\_law\\_of\\_the\\_United\\_States](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Copyright_law_of_the_United_States)

A copyright gives the holder exclusive economic rights for a period of time (usually 70 years).

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Generally, copyright law falls under civil law, but in extreme cases, there is a provision for criminal law to apply.

“Fair Use” is a provision of the law that excludes some things. Examples are single use, educational use, not for profit use, parody, etc.

Parody is sometimes a bit murky. Example, video of Elvis dancing with altered face. Court refused to allow “Fair Use” because of economic impact to copyright holder.