Privacy

**Tangible**

*Possessing a physical form that can be touched or felt.*

Tangible refers to that which can be seen, weighed, measured, or apprehended by the senses. A tangible objectis something that is real and substantial. An automobile is an example of tangible [Personal Property](http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/Personal+Property).

**Intangible**

*Property that is a "right" such as a patent*, [Copyright](http://legal-dictionary.thefreedictionary.com/copyright), *or* trademark, *or one that is lacking physical existence,such as good will. A nonphysical, noncurrent asset that exists only in connection with something else, such asthe good will of a business.*

***Copyright***

*the exclusive and assignable legal right, given to the originator for a fixed number of years, to print, publish, perform, film, or record literary, artistic, or musical material.*

*Encoruage creativity*

*to have a monoply over the reproduction and exploitation of theoir work*

***What is Copyright?***

*Did you know that whenever you write a poem or story or even a paper for your class, or a drawing or other artwork, you automatically own the copyright to it. Copyright is a form of protection given to the authors or creators of "original works of authorship," including literary, dramatic, musical, artistic and other intellectual works. What that means is that, as the author of the work, you alone have the right to do any of the following or to let others do any of the following:*

*- make copies of your work;*

*- distribute copies of your work;*

*- perform your work publicly (such as for plays, film, dances or music);*

*- display your work publicly (such as for artwork, or stills from audiovisual works, or any material used on the Internet or television); and*

*- make “*[*derivative works*](http://www.copyrightkids.org/definitions.html#derivativework)*” (including making modifications, adaptations or other new uses of a work, or translating the work to another media).*

*In general, it is illegal for anyone to do any of the things listed above with a work created by you without your* [*permission*](http://www.copyrightkids.org/definitions.html#permission)*, but there are some exceptions and limitations to your rights as a* [*copyright holder*](http://www.copyrightkids.org/definitions.html#copyrightholder)*. One major limitation is the doctrine of “*[*Fair Use*](http://www.copyrightkids.org/definitions.html#fairuse)*,” discussed below.*

*Copyright law in the United States is embodied in federal laws enacted by Congress. The current copyright law, the Copyright Act of 1976 (as amended), is codified in Title 17 of the U.S. Code.*

***Which Works Are Protected by Copyright?***

*Copyright protects "original works of authorship" that are* [*Fixed*](http://www.copyrightkids.org/definitions.html#fixation) *in "a tangible form of expression." The fixed form does not have to be directly perceptible so long as it can be communicated with the aid of a machine or other device. Copyrightable works fall into the following categories:*

*- literary works (which includes computer software);*

*- musical works, including any accompanying words;*

*- dramatic works, including any accompanying music ;*

*- pantomimes and choreographic works;*

*- pictorial, graphic, and sculptural works;*

*- motion pictures and other audiovisual works;*

*-* [*sound recordings*](http://www.copyrightkids.org/definitions.html#soundrecording)*; and*

*- architectural works.*

*Skill label and form*

***Fixation***

***Copyright shall not subsist until that work is recorded in writing or otherwise***

***Necessitated by the need for evidence***

***Methods or evidencing copyright ownership***

***Authorship / Ownership of copyright***

***Joint Authorship***

***Work created during Employment***

***Duration of Copyright***

1. 70 years
2. For works made for hire and anonymous and pseudonymous works, the dura- tion of copyright is 95 years from first publication or 120 yearsfrom creation, whichever is shorter (unless the author's identity is later revealed in Copyright Office records, in which case the term becomes the author's life plus 70 years).