

# Fox ML Infrastructure [UNICODE] Copyright Notice Requirements

All files in the FoxML Core repository must include copyright notices.

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## 1. Copyright Notice Format

### 1.1 Standard Copyright Header

All source code files should include:

```
# Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC  
# All rights reserved.
```

Or for multi-line format:

```
"""  
Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC  
All rights reserved.  
  
[File description]  
"""
```

### 1.2 License Reference

Files should also reference the license:

```
# Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC  
# All rights reserved.  
# Licensed under AGPL-3.0 or Commercial License (see LICENSE and COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md)
```

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## 2. File Types Requiring Copyright Notices

### 2.1 Required Files

Copyright notices are required for:

- [OK] Python source files (.py)
- [OK] Configuration files (.yaml, .yml, .json)
- [OK] Documentation files (.md)
- [OK] Shell scripts (.sh)
- [OK] C++ source files (.cpp, .h, .hpp)
- [OK] Any other source code files

### 2.2 Optional Files

Copyright notices are recommended for:

- Build scripts
- Test files
- Example files

- Documentation templates
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### 3. Copyright Notice Placement

#### 3.1 Source Code Files

Place copyright notices at the top of the file:

```
# Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC  
# All rights reserved.
```

```
import os  
import sys  
# ... rest of code
```

#### 3.2 Documentation Files

Place copyright notices at the bottom of the file:

```
# Document Title
```

```
[Document content]
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```

```
**Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC**  
**All rights reserved.**
```

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### 4. Removing or Altering Copyright Notices

#### 4.1 Prohibited

You MAY NOT:

- [ERROR] Remove copyright notices from any files
- [ERROR] Alter copyright notices
- [ERROR] Replace copyright notices with your own
- [ERROR] Claim authorship of the software

Removing or altering copyright notices is a license violation.

See `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` Section 4 (Restrictions) and `LEGAL/LICENSE_ENFORCEMENT.md` Section 7.

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### 5. Third-Party Code

#### 5.1 Third-Party Components

Third-party code retains its own copyright notices:

- Third-party libraries maintain their own copyright
- Third-party code is governed by its own license
- Do not remove third-party copyright notices

See `LEGAL/CREDITS.md` for third-party attributions.

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## 6. Enforcement

### 6.1 License Violation

**Removing or altering copyright notices:**

- Constitutes a license violation
- May result in license termination
- May result in legal action

See `LEGAL/LICENSE_ENFORCEMENT.md` Section 6 for enforcement procedures.

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## 7. Questions

### 7.1 Copyright Questions

**If you have questions about copyright notices:**

- Email: [jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com](mailto:jenn.lewis5789@gmail.com)
  - Subject: Copyright Notice Inquiry
  - See `LEGAL/COMPLIANCE_FAQ.md` for common questions
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## Summary

**Key Points:**

1. All files must include copyright notices
2. Copyright notices must not be removed or altered
3. Standard format: “Copyright (c) 2025-2026 Fox ML Infrastructure LLC”
4. Removing copyright notices is a license violation

This ensures proper attribution and protects intellectual property rights.

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## Related Documents

- `COMMERCIAL_LICENSE.md` [UNICODE] Commercial license terms (Section 4: Restrictions)
  - `LEGAL/LICENSE_ENFORCEMENT.md` [UNICODE] Enforcement procedures
  - `LEGAL/COMPLIANCE_FAQ.md` [UNICODE] Frequently asked questions
  - `LICENSE` [UNICODE] AGPL-3.0 license text
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