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 - (c) use our website to copy, store, host, transmit, send, use, publish or distribute any material which consists of (or is linked to) any spyware, computer virus, Trojan horse, worm, keystroke logger, rootkit or other malicious computer software; or
 - (d) conduct any systematic or automated data collection activities (including without limitation scraping, data mining, data extraction and data harvesting) on or in relation to our website without our express written consent.

5. Report abuse

- 5.1 If you learn of any unlawful material or activity on our website, or any material or activity that breaches this notice, please let us know.
- 5.2 You can let us know about any such material or activity [by email or using our abuse reporting form].

6. Enforcement of copyright

- 6.1 We take the protection of our copyright very seriously.
- 6.2 If we discover that you have used our copyright materials in contravention of the licence set out in this notice, we may bring legal proceedings against you, seeking monetary damages and/or an injunction to stop you using those materials. You could also be ordered to pay legal costs.

7. Permissions

- 7.1 You may request permission to use the copyright materials on our website by [writing to us by email or post, using the contact details published on the website].

Free copyright notice: drafting notes

This is a copyright statement (or copyright notice) template, designed for use on a website.

Copyright is one of the cornerstone intellectual property rights. Although websites as such do not attract copyright protection, they are made up of works that do. For instance, literary copyright will protect both website code and natural language materials published through the website, while artistic copyright will protect photographs, illustrations and logos.

Using this copyright statement template, the website operator asserts ownership of copyright in the website and the materials on the website, and sets out the basis upon which others may use the website.

In addition, the copyright statement incorporates special provisions relating to copyright infringement and copyright-related notifications.

The template copyright statement may be used on its own, or it may form part of a website's terms and conditions of use.

Section 1: Credit

Section: Free documents licensing warning

Optional element. Although you need to retain the credit, you should remove the inline copyright warning from this document before use.

Section 2: Copyright notice

A copyright notice is an assertion of ownership.

Copyright notices usually take the form specified in Article 3(1) of the Universal Copyright Convention (although the UCC itself is now of very limited significance):

"Any Contracting State which, under its domestic law, requires as a condition of copyright, compliance with formalities such as deposit, registration, notice, notarial certificates, payment of fees or manufacture or publication in that Contracting State, shall regard these requirements as satisfied with respect to all works protected in accordance with this Convention and first published outside its territory and the author of which is not one of its nationals, if from the time of the first publication all the copies of the work published with the authority of the author or other copyright proprietor bear the symbol © accompanied by the name of the copyright proprietor and the year of first publication placed in such manner and location as to give reasonable notice of claim of copyright."

It will be rare for a website owner to be the sole proprietor of all the copyright in a website. For example, the software code used to run the website may belong to another person. For this reason, the notice here refers also to licensors.

- *Universal Copyright Convention* - http://portal.unesco.org/en/ev.php-URL_ID=15381&URL_DO=DO_TOPIC&URL_SECTION=201.html

- *Berne Convention for the Protection of Literary and Artistic Works* - <https://wipolex.wipo.int/en/text/283698>

Section 2.1

- What was the year of first publication of the relevant copyright material (or the range of years)?
- Who is the principal owner of copyright in the website?

Section 2.3

Optional element.

Section 3: Copyright licence

Optional element.

The scope of the licence to use will vary with each site. Consider carefully exactly what your users should be allowed to do with your website and material on your website.

- *Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988* - <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukpga/1988/48>

Section 3.1

- Will audio and/or video files be published on the website?
- Will the website make available any dynamic services to users?
- Describe the website services in question.

Section 3.2

Optional element.

Section 3.3

Optional element.

- For what purposes may the website be used?

Section 3.4

Optional element.

Section 3.5

Optional element.

Section 4: Acceptable use

Optional element.

Section 5: Report abuse

Will there be a special procedure (which could be as simple as a designated email address) for reporting abusive conduct or materials on the website?

Websites that allow the publication of user-generated content should incorporate an abuse reporting procedure. The existence of such a procedure may help the website operator to take advantage of certain defences that may be available in respect of such user generated content.

Section 5.2

Optional element.

- How can users report unlawful and unwanted materials and activities on the website?

Section 6: Enforcement of copyright

Optional element.

Section 7: Permissions

Optional element.

Section 7.1

- How should a person go about requesting permission to use copyright materials that are published on the website?