

Copyright Quick Guide for Print and Video/DVD

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- ❑ Make multiple copies of above to use as class handouts for students
- ❑ Make slides or overheads (if not commercially available) from printed material
- ❑ Make copies for course packs (see Copyright Guide for more information)

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Video/DVDs:

- ❑ All video/DVDs shown in a classroom setting must have Public Performance rights.
- ❑ The majority of video/DVDs in the Kwantlen collection are purchased with these rights.
- ❑ Any venue that is not a private home is considered a Public Performance site.
- ❑ Making a compilation of video/DVD clips may only be done with written permission from all rights holders.
- ❑ Documentary or educational video/DVDs that have been borrowed from a public library or a video/DVD store should not be shown in the classroom.
- ❑ Legal copies of a large number of feature films are covered under our Feature Film licence so can be shown in the classroom.
- ❑ Please see the online Audiovisual and Electronic Resources Copyright Guide for more details on the do's and don'ts of showing video/DVDs in a classroom.

Student work

Students own the work they create. Although the original could be circulated in class, copies of student work cannot be made without obtaining permission.

For more detailed information on copyright, refer to the library guides:

Copyright Guide (Access Copyright and Print)

Audiovisual and Electronic Resources Copyright

<http://www.kwantlen.bc.ca/library/services/resourceforfaculty.html#copyright>

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