

BCI Churches & Copyright

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Copyright can be really complex for churches to navigate, but hopefully BCI can at least recommend trusted resources. Brotherhood Mutual has a great webpage that has an overview of copyright issues for churches. This should be your first stop for getting the facts on copyright laws and how it affects churches.

Complying with Copyright Laws

<https://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/resources/safety-library/risk-management-articles/administrative-staff-and-finance/documents-and-data/complying-with-copyright-laws/>

Brotherhood has a bounty of material on their website about copyright related issues (example: [Fair Use](#), and [Videos in Service](#)). However, the above article is the best starting point. At the bottom of the article, it lists the main ways that churches can be in compliance with copyright laws. That portion is very helpful so be sure to check it out.

Fair Use & Churches

<https://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/resources/safety-library/risk-management-articles/risk-management-basics/copyright-laws-and-fair-use/>

Videos in Worship Services

<https://www.brotherhoodmutual.com/resources/safety-library/risk-management-articles/administrative-staff-and-finance/documents-and-data/legal-guidelines-for-photo-and-video-use/>