

## Using Internet Content, like YouTube Videos, to Teach Your Students

The *Copyright Act* includes an exception for educational institutions that permits the **Reproduction**, **Performance**, and **Communication** of copyright-protected content like text, images, videos, and music that is **publicly available** on the Internet.

\*Refer to Section 30.04 of the *Copyright Act*.

**Reproduction:** Content that is publicly available on the Internet can be copied.

**Performance:** Content that is publicly available on the Internet can be performed in the classroom.

**Communication:** Content that is publicly available on the Internet can be made available to your students by posting the content on FOL.

**Publicly Available** means online sources like websites that copyright owners have made available for the public to access and use freely, without restrictions.

When using content from online sources:

- Avoid content from online sources that are password protected or access requires a login.
- Avoid content that is protected by a technological protection measure (TPMs) or digital locks.
- Avoid content that may have been posted to the online source without the permission of the copyright owner.
- Avoid content that is accompanied by a clearly visible copyright notice that prohibits educational use.

**Always cite your source!** Remember to acknowledge the online source and author of the copyright-protected work that has been reproduced, performed, or communicated.

Properly cited content from publicly available online sources can be:

- Distributed to students in your classroom as paper handouts.
- Posted to FOL.
- Included in presentation slides and posted to FOL.
- Performed in the classroom.

**Providing links and hyperlinks is a good alternative to reproducing online content.**

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