Copyright Factsheet

Protects the creators of original work
Exists automatically – does not need to be asserted
Applies the moment an original work is created
Does not exist in an idea but in the expression

Copyright Prohibits
Copying; Issuing copies to the public;
Renting or lending to the public;
Performing, showing or displaying to
the public; Broadcasting, adapting or
amending

Copyright Exceptions?
Some limited copying is permitted for
research and private study; criticism and
review; and reporting.

More Copyright Facts
Normally the individual or group who
created the work will exclusively own it.
However if work is produced as part of
employment it may belong to the
employer or commissioning party.

Moral Rights, i.e. the right to be
asserted as the creator; to prevent
derogatory treatment; and to prevent
publication; also exist to protect the
reputation of the creator(s).

Duration of Copyright

- Literary, Dramatic, Musical, Artistic and Film work: 70 years
- Sound recordings, Broadcasts and Cable programmes: 50 years
- Typographical arrangements of published editions: 25 years

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