# Copyright Basics for Photographers

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# 10 Tips For Protecting Your Images

1. Add © info in your images' metadata automatically
2. Display © notice on your website  & distributed print materials
3. Post low resolution images online
4. Watermark as appropriate
5. Disable the right-click and download actions on your website
6. Name your images uniquely so you can search for them by filename
7. Consider a copyright hashtag
8. Register your images with the US Copyright Office
9. Register your prized images before posting them on social media
10. Occasionally search for your images using Google Chrome or TinEye

# Copyright Basics for Photographers Resources

- US Copyright Office
  - https://www.copyright.gov/registration/photographs/index.html

- Registration tutorial (unpublished photos) 15 min video:
  - https://stream-media.loc.gov/copyright/gruph.mp4

- Greenberg, Edward C., J.D., and Jack Reznicki. The Copyright Zone. New York: Focal Press, 2015.

- "Defining Published and Unpublished," American Society of Media Professionals (ASMP) https://www.asmp.org/copyright-tutorial/defining-published-unpublished/

- "The Essential Guide to Photography and Copyright Law," Format https://www.format.com/magazine/resources/photography/photography-copyright-law-guide

- Other social media copyright FAQs
  - Instagram https://help.instagram.com/126382350847838
  - Facebook https://www.facebook.com/help/1020633957973118?helpref=about_content
  - Squarespace https://www.squarespace.com/copyright-policy
  - Flickr & Creative Commons http://blog.flickr.net/en/2018/12/14/photography-and-licensing-qa-with-creative-commons-ceo-ryan-Merkley/