

# CHECKLIST COPYRIGHT



## YOU WANT TO WATCH FILMS ON THE INTERNET

### WHAT IS FORBIDDEN?

- **Online exchange platforms.** Films via bittorrent and apps such as popcorn time are offered illegally. Please note: Everything that costs money in a shop cannot be free on the Internet!
- **Streaming portals** such as kinox.to or movie4.tk should be avoided. Films you can watch here are offered illegally
- Posting **links to illegal content** e.g. on Facebook or Twitter

### WHAT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO DO:

- **Media libraries of TV channels.** Here, you can watch films, series and magazines that were previously shown on TV.
- **Fee-based streaming portals.** On sites such as Netflix, amazon prime, sky ticket or Maxdome, you can find many films or series. For this, you pay a specific fee every month. However, the films and series are not always new.
- **Pay-TV channels.** Here, you can find the latest films and series. You sign a contract with the provider, e.g. Sky. The contract usually runs for two years and can be expensive. You should pay attention to the costs.



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## YOU WANT TO DOWNLOAD COMPUTER GAMES FROM THE INTERNET



### WHAT IS FORBIDDEN?

- **Exchange platforms.** Here, other users offer computer games illegally. You can tell this because you would have to buy the same games in a shop.



### WHAT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO DO:

- **Buy computer games in a shop.** There are many retailers who sell second-hand computer games at affordable prices.
- **Buy computer games on the Internet.** You can also find affordable second-hand games on eBay or amazon marketplace. Ask the retailer to confirm that they are selling you the original game and not an illegal copy.
- **Buy computer games on gaming platforms.** You can buy games legally and directly download them on online platforms such as Origin, Steam, uPlay. You can sometimes find good offers here.

## YOU WANT TO DOWNLOAD MUSIC AND AUDIO BOOKS FROM THE INTERNET



### WHAT IS FORBIDDEN?

- **Exchange platforms.** MP3 and other audio files are offered here illegally. You can tell this because you would have to buy these audio files and CDs in a shop.
- **Burning illegal CDs.** It is also illegal to burn copyright protected music files, films or audio books onto CDs and distribute them.



### WHAT YOU ARE ALLOWED TO DO:

- **Internet sites of the music bands.** Sometimes, bands offer their music online free of charge. You can tell this because they allow downloading from their Internet sites.
- **Internet radios.** Here, you can listen to music free of charge. You can even record music legally with specific computer programs.
- **Buy audio books online.** On audible or amazon, you will find a large selection of affordable and legal audio books.



### WHAT HAPPENS IF YOU RECEIVE A WRITTEN WARNING:

Some law firms deal with violations of copyright. They ask you to sign a cease-and-desist letter and demand payment of a large amount of money. You must not ignore such letters. It is urgently recommended that you seek advice from a lawyer or consumer advice centre!



### ARE YOU UNSURE?

Get independent and neutral advice! You can get further information from your Consumer Advice Centre (Verbraucherzentrale). [www.verbraucherzentrale.de](http://www.verbraucherzentrale.de)

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