

1. General Overview

Churches may unintentionally breach copyright laws through activities like:

- Printing services with copyrighted hymns, liturgy, or Bible passages.
- Copying music scores.
- Staging dramatic productions.
- Playing commercial music during events like aerobics classes.

To ensure compliance, churches are encouraged to adopt a **congregational copyright policy**. Help and resources are available from **Christian Copyright Licensing International (CCLI)**.

2. Reproducing Songs and Hymns

Churches can obtain:

- **Church Copyright Licence**
- **Music Reproduction Licence**

These licences allow:

- Electronic storage and projection of hymns/songs.
- Creation of service sheets.
- Photocopying music scores.
- Use of acetates for overhead projection.

3. Playing and Performing Music

For music performances, churches may need:

- **PRS for Music Church Licence**
- **PPL Church Licence**

These cover events like:

- Concerts, dances, fitness classes.
- Film screenings, background music at social events.

Exceptions:

- No licence is needed for **Acts of Divine Worship**.
- **Weddings and funerals** are considered domestic events, but if recorded with music, a **Limited Manufacture Licence** is required