

# **Cry for Help**

## Computer Tips & Tricks

### **Royalty Free Music & Pictures**

Did you know that most music and pictures on the internet is NOT royalty free. So what this means is that you cannot re-use this material without the author's permission.

Example: a student recently added a commercial music track to a home video before uploading the video to YouTube. YouTube, with their extensive computing power, recognised the music – would not accept the upload – and gave the user a serious warning.

Example 2: a friend built their own website and grabbed copies of some appropriate photos from the internet to be included on the new web site. A short while later – Getty Images (the owner of the pictures) contacted the web site owner with a letter of demand for royalties owing.

Hence you need to be aware that not only can the re-use of music and pictures be illegal, but also, there are a number of mechanisms that operate on the internet to check up and make sure everyone is doing the right thing.

If you want to be really safe you should take the picture, or make the music yourself. But that isn't always possible. So when you have sourced (purchased) material from a third party – you need to be very sure that you own the rights to use the material as you intend.

It is possible to legally source royalty free Music and Pictures from the internet, you just need to look a bit harder than the normal sites.

Be Careful!

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