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- The Design and Artists Copyright Society http://www.dacs.org.uk
- The Artist's Right's Society http://www.arsny.com

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**UK**

- Intellectual Property Office website  
  http://www.ipo.gov.uk/types/copy/c-other/c-exception.htm
- Joint Guidelines on Copyright and Academic Research - Guidelines for researchers and publishers in the Humanities and Social Sciences (section 14.1-5 and 14.7)  
  http://www.britac.ac.uk/policy/joint-copyright-guide.cfm

**US**

- The US Copyright Office's Factsheet on Fair Use  
  http://www.copyright.gov/fls/fl102.html
- Stanford University Copyright and Fair Use website  
  http://fairuse.stanford.edu/Copyright_and_Fair_Use_Overview/chapter9/index.html

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**For more information about the Public Domain, please see the following resources:**

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- Stanford University Copyright and Fair Use Overview, Chapter 8 [http://fairuse.stanford.edu/Copyright_and_Fair_Use_Overview/chapter8/index.html](http://fairuse.stanford.edu/Copyright_and_Fair_Use_Overview/chapter8/index.html)

These are US websites but many of the myths they dispel are equally applicable globally.

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**For more information about Copyright in Artistic Works, please see the following resources:**

**UK**
- Intellectual Property Office website
- Designers and Artists Copyright Society website (see factsheets available in the Knowledge Base section)

**US**
- The US Copyright Office's Document 'Copyright Registration for Works of the Visual Arts' contains some useful information:
- Some information is available from the Artist's Rights Society
  [http://www.arsny.com/other.html](http://www.arsny.com/other.html)

**General**
- WIPO gives the following helpful information in respect of photography
- Istock provides a technical wiki where people have uploaded copyright information they have identified in respect of particular artworks, it is especially helpful for identifying information about sculpture and architectural works

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Please be aware that large proprietary databases sold under license are likely to be protected by database right and will be accompanied by strict licensing terms which govern re-use. If you are using data from such databases please check the licensing terms which may apply in each case.

**For more information about Data and Database Right, please see the following resources:**

- Intellectual Property Office website
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For more information about Government Copyright, please see the following resources:

UK

- Joint Guidelines on Copyright and Academic Research - Guidelines for researchers and publishers in the Humanities and Social Sciences (section 9) [http://www.britac.ac.uk/policy/copyright-guideines/part1.cfm#sec9](http://www.britac.ac.uk/policy/copyright-guideines/part1.cfm#sec9)
Unpublished, Anonymous and Orphan Works

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There is currently no legislation in either the UK or the US to cover use of works for which a copyright holder cannot be found or identified (so called orphan works) and being unable to locate a rights holder is not a defence against copyright infringement. UK law does allow for some re-use in cases where the rights holder is anonymous. The Joint Copyright Guidelines from the British Academy and The Publishers Association (see below) has further advice on this.

For more information about Unpublished and/or Orphan Works please see the following resources:

UK

- Joint Guidelines on Copyright and Academic Research - Guidelines for researchers and publishers in the Humanities and Social Sciences, Duration of copyright in unpublished works, section 4.3
  http://www.britac.ac.uk/policy/copyright-guideines/part1.cfm#sec4

- Orphan Work, section 8
  http://www.britac.ac.uk/policy/copyright-guideines/part1.cfm#sec8

US

- The copyright law of the United States, section 302
  http://www.copyright.gov/title17/92chap3.html#302