

Copyright is the intellectual property right all creators have in their own works.

It allows the creator of a work (painting, sculpture, architectural work, photograph, design work, etc) to have a say in how his/her work can be used and distributed.

It also allows him/her to receive a royalty in return for the use of his/her works.

N.B.: Copyright is an “intangible” right, distinct from the property right in the physical object used as the medium for the work (canvas, stone, paper etc.). Therefore, simply by buying a work, the buyer does not acquire the rights in the work itself (art. [L. 111-3](#) ^[1] of the intellectual property code): any reproduction or public communication of the work requires the permission of the artist.

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[1]
http://www.legifrance.gouv.fr/affichCodeArticle.do;jsessionid=F24611653BB9276DD25E08E73E24D831.tpdjo15v_1?idArticle=LEGIARTI000006278870&cidTexte=LEGITEXT000006069414&dateTexte=20130408