Useful Tips When Contributing to Wikimedia Commons

You may upload works that you created entirely yourself.

- • photos and videos of natural landscapes, animals, plants.
- • public figures and people photographed in public places.

Remember: By sharing your work on Wikimedia Commons, you grant anyone permission to use, copy, modify, and sell it without notifying you.

We can’t accept works created or inspired by others

By default, you can’t upload someone else’s work.

- • logos.
- • CD / DVD covers.
- • promotional photos.
- • screenshots of TV shows, movies, DVDs, and software.
- • drawings of characters from TV, comics, or movies — even if you drew them.
- • most pictures published on the Internet.

...with two main exceptions:

You can upload someone else’s work if the author granted permission for anyone to use, copy, modify, and sell it.

You can upload your photographs of old art, statues, and buildings (usually over 150 years old.)

In conclusion...

You can upload your original works.

Thank you for your help; this is important.

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We can’t accept works from others without their explicit permission.

Still unsure? Ask the Help desk.