

## **What kind of film presentations are covered by copyrights?**

All presentations occurring outside of private home viewings are covered by the Canadian Copyright Act, this applies even if films are personally owned, purchased or rented in stores, shown freely or within an educational context.

According to the Canadian Copyright Act, all public, private and commercial organizations wishing to present copyrighted movies (VHS, DVD, BluRay) must be properly licensed with a rights representative such as Audio Cine Films Inc or Visual Education Centre Limited. As the exclusive rights representative for numerous studios, producers and films, these representatives are mandated to look after their performance rights.

This applies even in cases where films are shown freely, for educational purposes, to small groups, and if copies are obtained from personal collections or retail/rental commercial outlets.

**It is the responsibility of every Division teacher to comply with Canadian Copyright Law and complete a record of films shown to their students.**

**[When you show a film to your students, you must submit the information required in AP 60-24 Public Performance Licensing and Reporting – Copyrighted Films, Movies and Music](#)**