



## Motion Picture Guidance Note



The Legal 'compliance' and 'codes of practice' for organisations and businesses have become key themes in recent years. Keeping abreast with legislation can be frustrating and time consuming – however, protecting your club from copyright infringement is an important consideration especially if you have TV's and DVD equipment.

Many clubs now have DVD players and TV's for tutorials, competitions and staff training programmes. If this equipment is used for showing pre-recorded entertainment DVDs, cartoons shown on a rainy day or for a special fun day event at your club, then a 'public performance' licence is required from the owners of the film copyright.

Showing pre-recorded entertainment films outside of one's own home creates a 'public performance' as defined by the Copyright, Designs and Patents Act 1988 and is illegal unless correctly licensed. Therefore all public film users, from the smallest tennis club to the largest government facility have to arrange an appropriate licence to prevent a risk of copyright infringement.

A MPLC Umbrella Licence® solution will give you 'public performance' permission to press 'play' whenever you wish. Annual fees start at just £55.00 + VAT for up to 49 members, £80.00 + VAT for 50 – 299 members, £185.00 + VAT for 300 – 499 members and £265.00 + vat for 500 – 1499 members per annum. Members or staff can use their own 'home' DVDs, rented or purchased from any legal source all year round, and there is no extra administration or reporting required.

The Motion Picture Licensing Company Limited is an independent licensing agency representing over 130 premium film studios and producers' worldwide, from Walt Disney Pictures, 20th Century Fox, Paramount and Dreamworks, to Miramax, Universal, Touchstone and Buena Vista. You may accredit our company with the Federation

Against Copyright Theft at [www.fact-uk.org.uk](http://www.fact-uk.org.uk) who manage investigations and prosecutions on behalf of the film industry, with the UK Intellectual Properties Office at [www.ipo-gov.uk](http://www.ipo-gov.uk) or contact Trading Standards Service, Eastbourne, where we are a member of the 'Buy with Confidence' scheme.

If you have any further questions or would like to know the cost for your club , please contact the Motion Picture Licensing Company Limited on 01323 649 647 or visit [www.mplcuk.com](http://www.mplcuk.com).

LTA affiliated clubs will receive a 10% discount.

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