Copyright Registration Checklist

Discussed in Episode 8

Your copyright exists the moment you create your original work. Registration with the U.S. Copyright Office adds legal protections if your work is ever infringed. Work through this before you publish.

- [ ] Is my manuscript complete?
- [ ] Have I backed up my manuscript in multiple locations?
- [ ] Have I decided whether I'm ready to register my copyright?
- [ ] Have I gathered the information needed for registration?
- [ ] Have I saved my registration confirmation?
- [ ] Have I stored my certificate in a safe place when it arrives?

Registration record

Title registered

Date submitted

Service request number

Certificate received / stored where