

A CHART TO MAKE IT EASIER:



If you want to:	Then you need:	From the Owner of the:		
		Musical Composition	Sound Recording	Lyrics
Put music in an ad or video or other audio-visual work	synchronization rights	✓	✓	
Make a physical copy of a song (like a CD or other tangible item)	a mechanical license	✓	✓	only if you reprint the lyrics, too, then need permission
Broadcast or play the music in a public place	to pay a fee	✓		
Play the music on the Internet or other digital media	to pay a fee	✓	✓ pay through sound exchange	
Cover a song	a compulsory license (or other permission)	✓		
Reprint the lyrics				✓

Music Rights Requirements

		Composition Holder			Sound Recording Holder			Artist	Other
		Mechanical	Sync	Public Performance	Mechanical	Sync	Public Performance	Publicity / Performance	DMCA
Audio	Over-the-air			Blanket				Need to Clear*	
Audio	Single song stream			Need to Clear			Need to Clear	Need to Clear*	
Audio	Multi song stream			Blanket			Blanket	Need to Clear*	Comply
Audio	Podcast/downloads	Need to Clear			Need to Clear			Need to Clear*	
Video	Podcast/downloads	Need to Clear	Need to Clear		Need to Clear	Need to Clear		Need to Clear*	
Video	Stream		Need to Clear	Need to Clear		Need to Clear	Need to Clear	Need to Clear*	
Live	Live events			Need to Clear				Need to Clear*	
Embeds	Embedded audio/video								

*This applies only if one is making a recording of a live performance.