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What Can I Do To Protect Script Submissions?

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**Q.** I am in the process of submitting scripts, and would like to know how to go about protecting my submissions. Where do I begin?

-- *Anonymous***A.**

It is a good idea to put a copyright notice on anything you write to notify the world that the work you created is your writing. The notice date should reflect the date when your work was "published" or put into the public domain.

In your case, it would probably also be a good idea to go one step further and actually register your work with the U.S. Copyright Office, so that you will have a clear record of ownership of your work, in case a dispute over ownership ever arises.

To file a copyright registration, you may want to consult with a local intellectual property attorney specializing in copyright law to make certain that you make an appropriate registration filing. You should note, however, that simple registration applications are something that can be handled without the assistance of an attorney in many cases. Despite this fact, working with an attorney to obtain a registration may still be preferable, since it increases the likelihood that your registration will be correct the first time around, and that you will promptly receive a certificate of registration.

-- *Kristie Prinz***Browse for a Lawyer**

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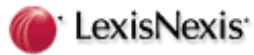
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