

# What's This About?

**Everyday you use copyright.** It's hidden, but it's there. It's in your laptop, your cellphone, your TV, or radio, your Cds and DVDs. It's there when you text a friend, or download from iTunes, watch a film or read a book or magazine.

**Copyright regulates everyday activities, and the Conservative government is about to drastically change Copyright law.**

Remember how last year's Bill C-61 produced storms of protest from tens of thousands of Canadians? We demanded the government consult the people. And now they're asking Canadians for assistance. The government is under immense pressure from lobbyists working for **Big Media, Big Music, and Big Film**. They want to hear your ideas and your opinions about copyright and about how it should and should not work.

The government is accepting emails until September 13, 2009. And you can help. The more citizens who speak up the better. **Numbers count, so be sure to have your say. Don't be left out.**

# Should You Care?

**Yes.** Proposals from **Big Media, Big Music and Big Film** demand the right to:

- **Bankrupt** families with huge fines.
- **Terminate** your Internet account.
- Require ISPs to **spy** on your personal communications.
- **Censor** websites.
- **Deny** you access to foreign movies.
- **Interfere** with your VCR/PVR.
- **Outlaw** time and format shifting of content.
- Stop you from making **private copies**.
- Force teachers to **destroy** lesson materials.
- **Regulate** your technology and content.
- **Prevent** technical professionals from doing their jobs.

**These proposals are outrageous! Of course you must tell government that this is wrong! Of course you must send an email! And we make it easy!**

## **What To Do? What To Say?**

**Participate!** You don't have to be an expert. We're here to help. We've put together a 10 minute solution – a **step-by-step** guide with examples. It's a quick and easy download to help you send your email to government. Check it out and **invite your friends**.

<http://faircopy.ca/participate>

## **Go Online!**

The government's consultation website features a forum where many Canadians are discussing **five central themes** related to copyright. Browse the messages and contribute your opinions and reactions. Start a new thread and explain your position.

<http://copyrightconsultations.ca>

## **More Information**

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