

DMCA Takedown Notice

Template pursuant to 17 U.S.C. § 512(c)(3) — Digital Millennium Copyright Act

How to use this template

Replace every bracketed placeholder with your own information. Send the completed notice to the designated DMCA agent of the website hosting the infringing content. If the website does not respond or does not publish a DMCA agent, you can also send the same notice to the domain registrar (identified via an ICANN / WHOIS lookup) and to the hosting provider.

All six elements below are required under 17 U.S.C. § 512(c)(3)(A). Omitting any of them may render the notice legally ineffective.

From (Copyright Owner)	To (Designated DMCA Agent)
[Your full legal name] [Your company, if any] [Street address] [City, State, ZIP, Country] [Email] [Telephone]	[Name of DMCA agent] [Name of service provider / website] [Street address] [City, State, ZIP, Country] [Email] [Telephone]

Date: [Insert date]

Subject: Notice of Copyright Infringement under the DMCA

Dear Designated Agent,

I am writing to notify you of material that infringes my copyright and is accessible via your service. This notice is submitted in accordance with Section 512(c)(3) of the Digital Millennium Copyright Act (17 U.S.C. § 512).

1. Identification of the copyrighted work

I am the owner (or authorised agent of the owner) of the following copyrighted work(s):

[Describe the original work — e.g. photograph titled "[Title]" taken on [date] by [photographer/creator]; video titled "[Title]" published on [date] at [original URL]. Include registration number if registered, and a link to the original where possible.]

2. Identification of the infringing material

The material that infringes the above work is located at the following URL(s):

[Paste each exact infringing URL on a separate line. If the same work has been reposted multiple times on the same site, you may list a representative set of URLs. Be as specific as possible — direct links to the page, image, or file are strongly preferred over links to the site's homepage.]

3. Contact information of the complaining party

My contact details are provided in the header of this notice (name, postal address, email address, and telephone number). Please direct all correspondence regarding this matter to the email address listed above.

4. Good-faith statement

I have a good-faith belief that use of the material identified above, in the manner complained of, is not authorised by me, my agent, or the law (including any applicable fair use or fair dealing exceptions).

5. Statement of accuracy

I state, under penalty of perjury, that the information in this notification is accurate, and that I am the owner of the copyrighted work described above, or am authorised to act on behalf of the owner of an exclusive right that is allegedly infringed.

6. Signature

Signature: _____

Printed name: [Your full legal name]

Title / capacity: [e.g. Copyright owner / Authorised agent]

Date: [Insert date]

A typed name preceded by a "/s/" marker (for example: /s/ Jane Doe) is generally accepted as an electronic signature.

Before you send the notice

Identify the right recipient. Most reputable websites publish the contact details of their designated DMCA agent in their Terms of Service or on a dedicated "DMCA" or "Copyright" page. You can also search the U.S. Copyright Office's Designated Agent Directory at dmca.copyright.gov.

If the website does not respond. Identify the domain registrar and hosting provider via ICANN's registration data lookup at lookup.icann.org, and send your notice to their abuse or copyright contact as well.

Keep records. Save a copy of the notice, the date sent, and any response received. If the same content reappears, you will be able to reference earlier correspondence.

Common mistakes to avoid

- Sending a notice for content you do not own — only the copyright owner or an authorised agent may file a DMCA notice.
- Providing only the homepage of the infringing site instead of direct URLs to the specific infringing material.
- Omitting the good-faith and penalty-of-perjury statements, which are mandatory.
- Forgetting to sign the notice (physical or electronic signature).
- Using an anonymous email that the recipient cannot reply to.

Important notice

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