

# Using Photos Legally

## Overview

On multiple occasions, XR UK has been fined by copyright agencies for using photos without permission. These agencies can and do trawl through entire websites searching for images in breach of copyright.

If you're using photos or artwork on a website, poster, flyer or leaflet, even for internal training purposes like Rebel Toolkit, please ensure you find out who owns them before you publish them. Once you have found out who owns them, you must get their permission. If you can't find out who owns them or you can't get their written consent then **do not** use them, as the rights to use photography/artwork can be expensive and soon mounts up.

If you have previously been responsible for adding content and are uncertain of the owner of any images you've used, please remove these images.

## Resources:

- XR pay for a [Global Media Library](#) and the photographers who upload images here have given their permission for them to be used.
- There are also a folders for [Breaking News](#) and a [2018-2020 archive](#).
- [Pixaby.com](#) has millions of royalty free images that can be downloaded.

If you have any questions about copyright please email [xr-legal@riseup.net](mailto:xr-legal@riseup.net).

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