



Copyrights on tapes

The second question of Fatwa no. 18845:

Q 2: Can I record a tape and sell it without permission from its owner? If the owner of this recorded material is dead, should I ask for permission from the recording body? Can I photocopy a book in great number and sell it without the permission of the author? Can I take a photocopy for myself? Should I take permission for photocopying the books that bear the phrase "All rights reserved"?

A: There is no blame on recording and selling useful tapes or photocopying and distributing useful books because they help in spreading knowledge. But if the owners of these materials prevent that, then you have to take their permission.

May Allah grant us success! May peace and blessings be upon our Prophet Muhammad, his family and Companions!

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