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# Twitch Streamer DMCA Safety Kit

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## Introduction <a name="introduction"></a>


[Preview of first page showing DMCA strike flowchart]

**Free Twitch DMCA Safety Kit – Checklist, Music Sources & Response Templates to Keep Your Channel Strike-Free**

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This 17-page PDF guide provides:
- **Prevention checklist** (75+ items)
- **Approved music sources** (15 platforms)
- **Overlay creation templates**
- **DMCA counter-notification guide**
- **Quick reference cards**

**Why this matters:**
- First DMCA strike = monetization loss
- Second strike = 7-day suspension
- Third strike = permanent ban

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## DMCA Strike Prevention Checklist <a name="checklist"></a>

### Music Selection (Page 2)
- [ ] **Never use any copyrighted audio** (regardless of length)

- [ ] Use only Twitch Soundtrack, Streambeats, NCS, or properly licensed music
- [ ] Verify paid music licenses include Twitch streaming rights
- [ ] Credit sources in stream info (e.g., "Music: [Track Name] by [Artist] via [Platform]")
- [ ] Avoid music from albums released within the last 12 months
- [ ] Ensure volume is ≤50% to avoid copyright claims
- [ ] Use Twitch Soundtrack's "Streaming" filter when searching

### Overlay Content (Page 3)
- [ ] Overlay uses only CC0 or Google Fonts graphics
- [ ] No game logos from other titles (e.g., no Fortnite logo in a Call of Duty stream)
- [ ] No copyrighted characters (e.g., no Mario in a non-Nintendo stream)
- [ ] No movie/tv show references (e.g., no "Game of Thrones" references in a gaming stream)
- [ ] All images are CC0 or properly licensed (Pixabay, Unsplash)
- [ ] Overlay resolution matches 1920x1080
- [ ] No copyrighted fonts (use Google Fonts only)

### Live Streaming (Page 4)
- [ ] Only showing your own gameplay (no third-party footage)
- [ ] No third-party software interfaces (e.g., no unlicensed streaming tools)
- [ ] No copyrighted sound effects (e.g., no movie sound effects)
- [ ] All custom graphics are original (no copied designs)
- [ ] All music is properly licensed (free or paid)
- [ ] Stream title and description do not reference copyrighted material
- [ ] No copyrighted game assets in overlays

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## Approved Music Sources <a name="music"></a>

### Free Options:
1. **Twitch Soundtrack**
   - Process: Search → Filter by "Streaming" → Download → Add to OBS
   - Verification: Check license shows "Streaming allowed"

2. **Streambeats**
   - Setup: Create playlist → Export as MP3 → Import to OBS
   - Verification: Check license shows "Commercial use allowed"

3. **NoCopyrightSounds (NCS)**
   - Usage: Download CC-licensed track → Add to OBS playlist
   - Verification: Check license shows "CC BY"

### Paid Options:
1. **Soundstripe** ($10/month)
   - Integration: Connect via Streamlabs → Select "Soundstripe" source → Enter API key
   - Verification: Check Soundstripe dashboard shows "Twitch integration active"
   - License Check: Verify license includes "Streaming" rights in purchase confirmation

1. **HookSounds** (Free samples)
   - Usage: Download samples → Add to OBS → Set volume to 50% max
   - Verification: Check license shows "Free for commercial use"

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## Safe Overlay Creation Guide <a name="overlays"></a>

### Custom Overlay Template:

<!-- Basic overlay template -->

[Your Username]

[Current Game]

<a href="[Your Twitter]">Twitter</a>

<a href="[Your Discord]">Discord</a>

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### Approved Graphics Sources:
1. **Canva** (Free templates)
   - Process: Select "Blank" template → Add your elements → Export as PNG (1920x1080)
   - Verification: Check license shows "Free to use"

2. **Unsplash** (Free photos)
   - Verification: Check license shows "Free to use"
   - Usage: Download → Add to OBS as "Image Source"

3. **Pixabay** (CC0 images)
   - Usage: Search → Select "Free for commercial use" → Download → Add to OBS
   - Verification: Check license shows "CC0"

### Overlay Examples:
**Approved:**
- Original character designs
- Generic game controller icons
- Custom social media icons

**Disallowed:**
- Fortnite logo in a Call of Duty stream
- Mario character in a non-Nintendo stream
- "Game of Thrones" font in a gaming stream

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## Live Streaming Copyright Rules <a name="live-rules"></a>

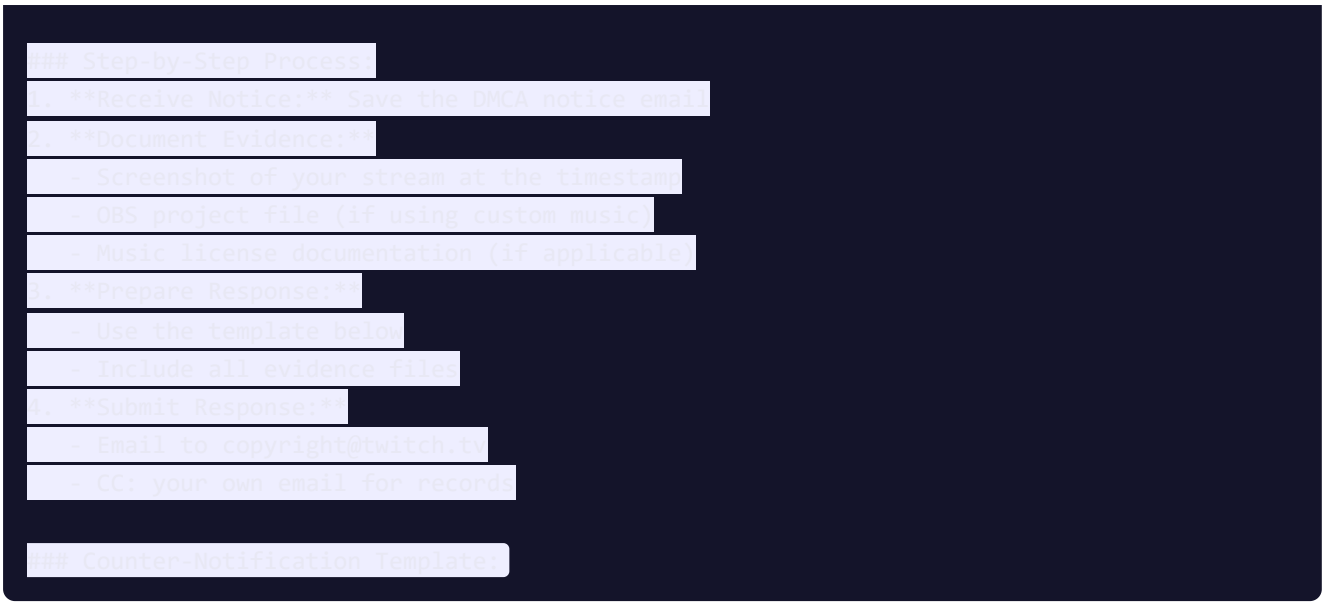
### Game Content Usage:
- **Allowed:** Your own gameplay footage
- **Restricted:** Other players' footage (requires permission)
- **Forbidden:** Using game assets in overlays

### Twitch-Specific Rules:
1. **No copyrighted audio** (regardless of length)
2. **Game footage rule** (Only show your own gameplay)
3. **Third-party software rule** (Must be properly licensed)

### Copyright Compliance Checklist:
- [ ] All music is properly licensed
- [ ] No game assets from other titles
- [ ] No copyrighted characters
- [ ] All fonts are free/licensed (Google Fonts)
- [ ] No movie/tv show references

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## DMCA Counter-Notification Guide <a name="counter"></a>
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Subject: DMCA Counter-Notification - [Your Channel Name]

Dear Twitch Support,

I have received a DMCA notice regarding content on my stream dated [Date] at [Time]. The notice alleges copyright infringement, but I believe in good faith that the material in question is not infringing.

Here is my counter-notification:

1. Identification of the Material:

- Stream URL: [Your Stream URL]
- Timestamp: [XX:XX]
- Description: [Brief description of content]

1. Statement of Good Faith Belief:

I declare under penalty of perjury that:

- I have a good faith belief that the material was not authorized by the copyright owner, its agent, or the law
- The information in this notice is accurate

1. Electronic Signature:

[Your Name]

[Your Email]

[Your Channel Name]

Enclosed are the following documents:

- Screenshot of stream at timestamp
- OBS project file (if applicable)
- Music license documentation (if applicable)

Please review this counter-notification and respond accordingly.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Email]

[Your Channel Name]

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### VOD Muting Appeal Checklist

- [ ] Provide exact timestamp of copyrighted content
- [ ] Explain why the content should be muted (e.g., "Background music")
- [ ] Include evidence of proper licensing
- [ ] Be polite and professional in your request

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## Quick Reference Cards <a name="reference"></a>

### Music Selection Card:
1. Use only Twitch Soundtrack, Streambeats, NCS, or properly licensed music
2. Never use any copyrighted audio
3. Credit sources in stream info
4. Avoid recent albums (within 1 year)

### Overlay Creation Card:
1. Use free fonts (Google Fonts)
2. Create original graphics
3. Avoid copyrighted elements
4. Test in OBS before streaming

### Printable Quick Reference Sheet: