

Copyright law prohibits the “public performance” of copyrighted content (including audiovisual works like movies and TV shows) without the copyright owner’s permission. This chart is not legal advice, but is intended to aid apartment owners and operators in evaluating their licensing needs. For music licensing, please review our separate Music Licensing Guide.



1 Is it a “public performance?”

Will the audiovisual work be played in a place open or available to the public or to a gathering of a substantial number of people, excluding family and friends?

YES ▼



Will the movie or TV show be played only on a single device typically used in private homes (not using professional equipment) and not retransmitted outside the establishment where it is played?

YES ▼



Is viewing of the movie or TV show free for attendees (no fee is charged to watch)?

YES ▼

You May Be EXEMPT From Licenses

You may be exempt from obtaining a performance licenses. Contact your legal counsel to confirm what licenses may or may not be required for your property.

Audiovisual Rights ORGANIZATIONS

For reference, these are organizations that offer licenses for this content.

MPLC

1-866-552-6752

Swank

1-800-876-5577

Criterion

1-800-890-9494

NO ▶

Licenses May Be REQUIRED

Your property may need to be licensed. Contact your legal counsel to confirm what licenses may or may not be required for your property.

NO ▶

REMEMBER

- ✓ Always consult with legal counsel to confirm if performance licenses are needed.
- ✓ Update information for your property annually and whenever your equipment set-up changes.
- ✓ Document whether or not your property must be licensed and if so, what licenses you secure.