



Protecting Intellectual Property

The Intellectual Property Office (www.ipo.gov.uk) is responsible for the administration of the IP system in the UK, and provides a service to allow owners to register and protect their creative work from being used by others.

Unlike physical property, creative work is easily used without authorisation – for example, with the technology we have today it is relatively easy to copy a music CD; and copies of designer goods such as fake 'Gucci' handbags are often found on market stalls.

The supply of counterfeit goods is a criminal offence and action can be taken by Trading Standards officers.

Intellectual Property rights are protected by the law and successful actions in court can prevent illegal use of these rights. IP owners who are the victims of misuse can be rewarded with substantial sums in the form of compensation when court actions are taken.

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