
From: CopyrightEnquiries
Sent: 27 February 2014 10:49
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Streaming TV programmes

Dear [REDACTED]

Thank you for your query.

Please be aware that the Copyright Enquiries service is only able to provide general advice regarding current UK Copyright law and cannot provide legal advice regarding how the law should be interpreted in specific cases.

As stated above, the copyright enquiry service is only intended to provide members of the public with general advice on copyright matters. Not only is the legality of streaming services a complex issue, it is one which we believe is the subject of current discussion in the courts. We would therefore recommend taking formal legal advice to inform your article. You can find a specialist copyright lawyer through this link:

<http://www.lawsociety.org.uk/choosingandusing/findasolicitor.law>

I hope this response has been of some assistance.

Best regards,

Copyright Enquiries.

While we take every reasonable care in provision of information and advice, we do not guarantee its accuracy nor accept any responsibility for errors or omissions or their consequences.

To help us offer a better service to our customers, we'd be very grateful if you'd complete a short satisfaction survey (it shouldn't take more than 5 minutes).

Click on the link below to start the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/iposatisfaction>

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 18 February 2014 09:52
To: Information
Subject: Streaming TV programmes

Good morning,

I am [REDACTED]

I am often asked 'Is it illegal in the UK to watch streaming TV programmes', for example at links like this: http://watchseries.lt/episode/modern_family_s5_e1.html

Please can you give me the definitive answer? So far, I have told people that

- i) It is illegal to upload content, including peer to peer file sharing, without permission
- ii) It may be a civil offence to view unlicensed content from streaming websites but I cannot provide any legal evidence for this opinion
- iii) It is not illegal to use a virtual private network to get an IP address outside of the UK, and therefore if a foreign site allows you to view their video content (e.g. Hulu in the United States), then you are probably OK. Forbes magazine also seems to suggest this at <http://www.forbes.com/sites/amadoudiallo/2014/02/01/how-to-watch-the-sochi-olympics-without-a-cable-bill/>

Many thanks for clarifying this. [REDACTED]

Sincerely

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