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STREAMING MEDIA: LEGAL ISSUES OF CAPTURING & RECORDING

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SUMMARY

The legal issues of the capturing and recording of streaming video are complex. The bottom line is that you can do it for personal "time shifting" but involving others with the use of your recorded videos and music falls get into many legal gray areas in both criminal and civil law.

TOPICS

- It is Probably Legal to Save Media for Future Personal Viewing or Listening
- Legal Issues of Downloading from "YouTube"
- "Youtube Premium"

IT IS PROBABLY LEGAL TO SAVE STREAMING MEDIA FOR PERSONAL FUTURE VIEWING OR LISTENING

- According to <https://www.pcworld.com/article/2034644/the-vcrs-legacy-shines-brightly-at-youtube-and-aereo.html> :

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In 1984, Sony, the creator of the Betamax VCR, argued in the U.S. Supreme Court with Universal Studios and Disney over whether the VCR could be used to infringe copyright and whether Sony was responsible for that infringement. The court ruled that Sony could not be held accountable for what someone does with a VCR since you

could use the technology for both infringing and non-infringing users. The court also made it clear that time shifting, which allows you record a TV show for private use and later watching, did not constitute copyright infringement.

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LEGAL ISSUES OF "MEDIA CAPTURE" AND "SCREEN RECORDING" IN GENERAL

- See <https://www.consumerreports.org/consumerist/you-can-record-movies-off-netflix-or-music-off-spotify-but-youre-not-allowed-to/>

LEGAL ISSUES OF "MEDIA CAPTURE" AND "SCREEN RECORDING" FROM "YOUTUBE"

- See

<https://www.pcworld.com/article/3206687/data-center-cloud/how-to-download-youtube-videos.html>

and

<https://www.youtube.com/static?template=terms>

LEGAL ISSUES OF "MEDIA CAPTURE" AND "SCREEN RECORDING" FROM "YOUTUBE" (continued)

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"YOUTUBE PREMIUM"

- "YouTube Premium" used to be called "YouTube Red"
- For media content that does not belong to you or the organization that you work for or belong to, "YouTube Premium" is the only way to capture or record from YouTube without violating YouTube's "Terms of Use"

"YOUTUBE PREMIUM" (continued)

- See

<https://www.youtube.com/premium>

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Playback: You must have an Internet connection to stream videos or to take them offline.

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