

Summary of International subjects for Photographers which are illegal to photograph

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Introduction

This paper outlines subjects which are globally illegal to photograph. The summary will be updated from time to time so it is worthwhile checking this regularly. The summary comprises two parts, one dealing with subjects that are illegal to photograph common to most/all countries and the other is, by alphabetical order, a country by country list of subjects that are illegal to photograph or where permission is required under a country's various laws.

Most/all countries have a freedom of panorama law where the incidental inclusion of a copyright object is permitted.

Subjects illegal to photograph common internationally

- Defence service (Military) installations
- Inside Mosques, Hindu and Buddhist Temples and some Christian Churches
- Nuclear facilities
- Embassies
- Airport security checkpoints, bag screening areas, body security booths, immigration counters or through customs
- Maps, globes and atlases (All are copyright)
- Courtrooms in session.

Australia

- Murals of a temporary nature (This includes graffiti, street art, wall art but may be OK if incidentally included in the scene but if you are using the whole of the Source Work in the Resulting Work {Your Image}, your use is likely to infringe copyright in the Source Work. If unsure it is best not to use murals as a prime point of interest even for appropriation purposes).
- Photographers cannot enter Commonwealth Dept. of Defence, rail stations (in Victoria) and electricity power stations – this is trespass for the purposes of photography but may be made from Crown Land (With the exception of Military installations) (Trespass also includes the use of drones)
- Many sacred Aboriginal sites which includes Uluru
- Sydney Opera House

France

- The Louvre Pyramid at night
- Interior of Notre Dame
- Inside the D'Orsay
- Eiffel Tower at night when its decorative lights are intermittently showing. The light show is copyright from its installation in 1985. (Cannot even put these images on Face Book). Floodlit images are OK.

India

- Bridges
- Inside the Taj Mahal (Outside is OK)

Italy

- The Sistine Chapel in Vatican City (Rome)
- Rome's main train station

Russia

- The Lenin Mausoleum

United Kingdom

- Policemen
- Inside some parts of Westminster Abbey
- Queen Elizabeth including any currency featuring her likeness
- Rosslyn Chapel, Scotland
- Inside Dunrobin Castle, Scotland. (It is OK to take external views through windows from inside)

United States of America

- Hollywood Sign
- Las Vegas Hotels/Casinos (Even from public places)
- The Las Vegas version of the Statue of Liberty
- Burning Man Festival, Nevada

Vietnam

- Inside Ho Chi Minh Mausoleum in Hanoi.