

# Seven tips for watching online films legally

There are only a few people who have never been, whether deliberately or inadvertently, involved in online piracy. Piracy is undoubtedly convenient and cheap, but it is also illegal and may result in a fine or even a prison sentence. Therefore, NJORD shares recommendations on how to avoid such consequences.

1. Be aware of free films that can be streamed / downloaded without payment or subscription.
2. Be aware of available films that are still in the cinemas - this typically indicates that the film cannot be purchased or rented legally yet.
3. Check if the website where you want to watch / rent films from is an authorized distributor – for instance by searching the company name via Google.
4. If you are in doubt as to whether the film is made available legally, avoid clicking “watch”, “stream” or “download” as this may constitute a violation of the Copyright Act.
5. Avoid downloading film files that contain words such as “torrent”, “HDRip”, “DVDRip” or similar words not usually associated with film titles.
6. Make sure you secure your work / home Internet connection with a password, so others cannot use it for illegal file sharing / downloading of films without your knowledge.
7. Avoid file sharing services / networks like Popcorn Time, The Pirate Bay, BitTorrent and others.



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