# Managing Your Website: Where to Find Images

The web thrives on images! Providing your visitors with visual elements to look at makes a huge difference in terms of engagement and interest levels – but it can be tricky to get hold of images that are safe to use without worrying about copyright infringement. Below is a list of sites we find useful when searching for images to use on websites (and sometimes in print materials, too), with a few notes about what each site offers. Please note it's important that you make sure for yourself that you're clear on the specific license arrangements for each image you use.

**Overview:**

This article gives a very useful overview about the issues around using images on the web, and includes a long list of suggested resource sites. We haven't tried all of the resources it mentions, but it's a great article to refer back to when in doubt of where to look for images: http://blog.bufferapp.com/free-image-sources-list.

**Image Resource Sites:**

http://www.freefoto.com/index.jsp
- Attribution and link required
- Free for commercial and non-commercial use online, and non-commercial use only offline (apparently, it's possible to purchase a license for print use etc)
- No derivatives
- Very ad-heavy site
- Searchable, sortable by category
- Lots of church images

http://www.rgbstock.com/
- Registration (free) required
- Free for commercial and non-commercial use
- Searchable
- Good range of high-quality photos

http://www.free-hdwallpapers.com/index.php
- Good example of a free wallpaper site
- Searchable
- Very broad range of images
- New images added regularly

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http://commons.wikimedia.org/wiki/Main_Page
- User-owned media
- Free use
- Clear license instructions for each item – some have specific requirements (eg attribution)
- Images, sounds and videos
- Searchable
- Covers a broad range of topics

http://all-free-download.com/
- Great for vectors and psds
- Ad-heavy site
- Free usage
- Downloads as a zip file

Flickr Commons:
https://www.flickr.com/commons/
- Photos with 'no known copyright restrictions' from a wide range of participating institutions (eg national libraries etc), 'for the good of humanity'

Flickr more generally:
- User-owned photos
- Probably the biggest gathering of photos on the planet!
- Each image carries specific Creative Commons License – varying degrees of restriction on use, many are copywrite-protected – it is necessary to check carefully before using

http://www.artcyclopedia.com/
- A reference site rather than an image gallery
- A good way of finding out where to get images from a specific artist/movement – links through to whatever is available online
- Necessary to check carefully with regards to usage restrictions in each case

Google image search
- The biggest image search available
- Searches the whole web
- However, most images are not free for use
- Check very carefully
- Powerful search functionality, including 'search by image' link if you've found a photo similar to what you want.

http://www.imageafter.com/index.php
- A funny-looking site with a great atmosphere!
- Images free to use
- Not a huge range, but a strong search facility

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http://www.freepixels.com/
- Free for commercial and non-commercial use
- No derivatives
- Attribution required
- Fresh-looking images, but not necessarily out of the ordinary

http://pixabay.com/
- Public domain images only, therefore free for commercial and non-commercial use
- No attribution required
- Sign-up optional (necessary to complete a 'captcha' for every image downloaded when not logged in to site)

**Something a little bit different:**

http://deathtothestockphoto.com/
- Photographers Allie and David will send you free images monthly if you subscribe to their email list
- Images chosen by the artists, according to their current projects
- Very good quality images
- Interesting project as a new way of sharing images

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