

# Script Protection CHECKLIST

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## Registration & Legal Protection

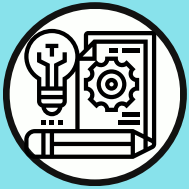
Register Your Script:

- U.S. Copyright Registration
- [WGA West](#) or [WGA East](#)

*TIP: WGA registration lasts 5 years, but copyright offers long-term legal benefits.*

Secure Legal Representation:

- Consult an entertainment attorney for contracts, copyrights, or when selling/optioning your script.



## Back Up & Track Your Work

- Cloud storage (Google Drive, Dropbox)
- External hard drives
- Email a copy to yourself

*Tip: Regularly update your backups after making revisions.*

Log and Track Sharing:

- Maintain a record of recipients, dates, and version numbers.
- Use a simple spreadsheet to manage this information.



## Controlled Sharing & Confidentiality

Use Watermarks:

- Watermark distributed drafts with phrases like "Confidential" or "For Review Only."
- Include the recipient's name and date to track distribution.

Non-Disclosure Agreements (NDA's):

- Have collaborators sign NDAs before sharing your script.
- Consider legal advice to ensure the NDA covers industry-specific risks.



## Submissions Policies & Contests

Monitor Submission Policies:

- Review submission guidelines for contests, festivals, and production companies.
- Avoid platforms without clear submission protection.

*TIP: Some contests and companies may require additional agreements, so read policies carefully.*