

Can I purchase photos off the internet to use for illustrations?

An illustration agent I spoke to said “specific rights to photos can be purchased off the internet from stock agencies or individual photographers. An illustrator should have an understanding of copyright law not only to protect him or herself with regard to their own work but also to have an understanding of the law in order to purchase specific usage rights to photographic reference.

“A good book to get more info is Legal Guide to the Visual Artist by Tad Crawford or the Graphic Artists Guild’s Pricing and Ethical Guidelines.” 5:6/10