

# MCPS Anti-Piracy Unit



## Related Anti-Piracy Organisations

### AACP

Alliance Against Counterfeiting and Piracy

[www.aacp.org.uk](http://www.aacp.org.uk)

The AACP's objective is to raise public and political awareness of copyright and trade mark issues so that intellectual property is highly valued by everyone from consumers to manufacturers, and to ensure as a result that copyright theft is treated as seriously as other theft.

### BCC

The British Copyright Council

[www.britishcopyright.org.uk](http://www.britishcopyright.org.uk)

An umbrella organisation bringing together organisations which represent those who create, or hold rights in literary, dramatic, musical and artistic works and those who perform such works. The BCC functions principally as a liaison committee for its member associations, providing them with a forum for the discussion of matters of copyright interest. It also acts as a pressure group for changes in copyright law at UK, European and International level.

### BPI

British Phonographic Industry

[www.bpi.co.uk](http://www.bpi.co.uk)

The BPI represents hundreds of record companies in the UK. The BPI's Anti-Piracy Unit works to protect BPI members' rights and take action on their behalf.

### ELSPA

European Leisure Software Publishers Association [www.elspa.com](http://www.elspa.com)

ELSPA is a membership organisation representing all companies concerned with the publishing and distribution of interactive leisure and entertainment software. It works to promote the interests of all its members as well as addressing issues that affect the industry as a whole.

### FACT

The Federation Against Copyright Theft

[www.fact-uk.org.uk](http://www.fact-uk.org.uk)

FACT was formed in 1984 to combat counterfeiting, piracy and misuse of its members' products, initially targeting videotaped feature films, but increasingly investigating copyright infringement involving DVD and other digital formats. FACT deals primarily with Customs, the Police and Trading Standards Offices, providing expert technical examination services for evidential purposes and the gathering of evidence to justify enforcement action or prosecution by the relevant authority. FACT also undertakes private prosecutions on behalf of its members.

### FAST

The Federation Against Software Theft

[www.fast.org.uk](http://www.fast.org.uk)

With a long history of working with both software publishers and end users, FAST has built up a high degree of expertise and knowledge that can be drawn upon by members to help in the day to day management of software and any issues that may arise.

### The National Crime Squad

[www.nationalcrimesquad.police.uk](http://www.nationalcrimesquad.police.uk)

was formed in 1998 by an amalgamation of the six former Regional Crime Squads in England and Wales. It has a London headquarters and up to 1432 detectives are seconded from local police forces. They work from 36 locations across the country, together with 420 support staff, to target national and trans-national serious and organised crime.