

AI Safety: Best Practices for Music Creators

AI is reshaping creation, engineering, licensing, and monetization.

Treat it as a powerful instrument — use it deliberately, document it, and set clear boundaries.

CREDIT	CONSENT	CLARITY	CONTROL	COMPENSATION
Credit humans for authorship and performance. AI assistance doesn't replace human contribution.	No training on stems, masters, or voice without explicit written permission. Voice cloning without consent may be illegal.	Label and document AI involvement in project notes and metadata. Track what's AI-generated, AI-assisted, or human-created.	Adopt tools with data transparency. Avoid platforms that don't disclose training data or rights information.	If your work or voice powers a model, ensure fair pay. Preserve audit rights and revocation on breach.

TERMS OF SERVICE CAN CHANGE



Revisit TOS periodically — especially after model updates or when a platform announces new features. Look for it at the bottom of the home page or in the "About" section.

COPYRIGHT & AI IS STILL BEING DECIDED



Purely AI-generated work has no U.S. copyright protection. Document your human contributions. Consult an attorney for questions about a specific work's eligibility.

BEFORE USING ANY AI TOOL - CHECK THE TOS

- Does the platform **retain permanent copies** of your files?
- Does it **use your uploads to train its AI**?
- Does it **claim ownership or shared rights** over your work?
- Can **third parties access** your material?
- Can you **export your work** if you delete your account or subscription ends?
- If uploads may train their models, **your audio could enter their dataset**.

BE CAUTIOUS ABOUT WHAT YOU UPLOAD

- Uploading to AI ≠ emailing files. **Your audio may train their models.**
- **Don't upload unreleased songs, artist vocals, or client stems** without reviewing TOS first.
- **Never upload client material** without the client's knowledge and permission.
- Prefer tools that **process audio locally** or offer explicit data protection guarantees.

PROTECT ARTIST VOICE & LIKENESS

- **Get written consent** before using AI to replicate (clone) any voice.
- Clearly state: what tool, how it's used, who can access it, and whether it can be reused.
- For **deceased artists**, obtain approval from the estate before replicating voice or likeness.
- If you upload **your own voice**, check whether the platform retains a model and how it may be used.
- Confirm the TOS: voice models should not be shared or accessed by third parties.

DOCUMENT AI USE IN YOUR SESSIONS

- Track what's **purely AI-generated, AI-assisted, or human created** — and which tools were used.
- If you receive stems from a collaborator, **ask whether AI was involved**.
- Some plugins, DAW features, and platforms **use AI without labeling it as such**. When in doubt, check documentation.
- Keep records of your human contributions: writing, performing, arranging, producing, mixing, mastering.

WHAT RESPONSIBLE AI USE LOOKS LIKE		
LEGITIMATE USES EXIST Noise reduction, stem separation, mixing assistance, creative ideation — AI tools can be a genuine part of the creative process.	SEEK TRANSPARENCY Look for tools that disclose how their models were trained and what data was used — including licensed, commissioned, or public domain material.	OPT-IN OVER OPT-OUT Prefer platforms that give artists the choice to have their work used for AI — not ones that require opting out.