# AHRQ Publishing and Communications Guidelines

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* Contractors must conduct thorough checks to ensure that the AI training datasets are free of unauthorized copyrighted material.
* Contractors must review any AI-generated content incorporated into a project for originality.
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