

# Important Photoshop Controls For Making Local Adjustments

## Creating a New Layer

Ctrl + J: Creates a copy of a layer  
Shift + Ctrl + n Creates a new blank layer

## Adding a Mask:

Reveal All: Either: (1) Press Add a Layer Mask icon; or  
(2) Layer > Layer Mask > Reveal All.

Hide All: Either: (1) Press Alt + Add a Layer Mask icon; or  
(2) Layer > Layer Mask > Hide All.

## Switching Mask type:

Ctrl + i: Converting a Mask from Reveal to Hide (and Vice Versa)

## For Hard Edged Selections

W: Selects the Quick Selection tool  
Alt: Pressing Alt while painting with Quick Selection tool  
removes areas from your selection

## For Soft Edged Selections

B: Selects the Brush tool  
D: Sets brush colors to default  
X: Switches brush between black (hide) and white (reveal)

