Someone's personal information being stolen from a presentation and used in identity theft.

Having permission restrictions and password protection would prevent random snoopers from getting into your presentation and stealing personal information (if there were to be any in there).

Someone had made a PowerPoint available to the public online with their contact information on the last slide. An attacker saw this and used this information to piece together enough information to steal his identity. If he would have followed the things above, or just not have uploaded it in the first place, this wouldn't have happened (since nobody else would have access to it).

Someone's work being passed along to a third party without permission.

This could have been prevented if the PowerPoint was password protected. That way, this third party wouldn't be able to even open it up. Permission settings also would do this as well.

A student had made a PowerPoint about a company for their business class. He had to turn it in online for the class. The company that was featured in the student's PowerPoint stumbled upon it, and decided to use it for themselves and market it (meaning they would make money off of it). Please read above as to how this could have been prevented.

Someone claiming another person's document as their own creation.

Password protection also would work well for this. A digital signature would probably work best, as it can be tracked and show who the original creator was.

A student was trying to get a PowerPoint project done the night before it was due. He had only a few hours to get it done. So to get it done faster, he found a similar subject PowerPoint and copied it. He made a few tweaks to it, and then submitted it the next morning. If the original author had enabled password protection, the student would not have been able to access the PowerPoint that he copied.