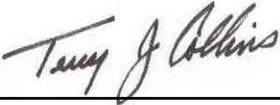


STATE OF OHIO



DEPARTMENT OF REHABILITATION  
AND CORRECTION

SUBJECT: Video Screening for Inmate Viewing	PAGE <u>1</u> OF <u>2</u> NUMBER: 77-REC-02
RULE/CODE REFERENCE:	SUPERSEDES: 77-REC-02 dated 06/10/98
RELATED ACA STANDARDS:	EFFECTIVE DATE: November 1, 2008
	APPROVED: 

**I. AUTHORITY**

This policy is issued in compliance with Ohio Revised Code 5120.01 which delegates to the Director of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction the authority to manage and direct the total operations of the Department and to establish such rules and regulations as the Director prescribes.

**II. PURPOSE**

The purpose of this policy is to establish guidelines for the screening and approval of movies to be shown by the institution to inmates.

**III. APPLICABILITY**

This policy applies to all staff responsible for the selection, screening and showing of movies to inmates.

**IV. DEFINITIONS**

Movie Ratings: A system of rating movies for potential viewers by the Video/Film Industries of America.

- P.G. Parental Guidance required.
- P.G. 13 Parental guidance required. No children under the age of 13 permitted to view.
- R. Restricted viewing-no children under the age of 16 permitted to view.
- N.C. 17 No children under the age of 17 permitted to view.
- N.R. Movies that have not been rated and may not be appropriate for viewing.
- X Adults only permitted to view - - no one under the age of 18 permitted to view.
- XX Adults only - - pornographic material.

**V. POLICY**

It is the policy of the Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction to screen movies to be shown to inmates to determine their suitability for presentation in a prison environment.

**VI. PROCEDURES**

- A. The Warden shall assign a culturally diverse committee consisting of at least three institution staff members to screen all movies for their suitability for all presentation to inmates.

- B. The designated chairperson will be responsible for educating all committee members on the swank movie contract including the procedures for obtaining and screening movies. all movies shown within the facility shall be in compliance with the swank movie rental contract.
- C. The video screening process may include, but shall not be limited to, a review of published summaries, ratings, and/or personal viewing. If there is any question concerning content, a personal viewing will be required by a minimum of two members of the screening Committee.
- D. The committee shall deny acceptance if it is determined that the movie:
1. Has a rating of X or XX.
  2. Could incite the viewer to participate in disruptive behavior or be a threat to the security of the institution.
  3. Encourages illegal activity, violates institution rules, and/or Federal or State Laws.
- E. The suitability of a movie for presentation to an inmate population will be determined by the committee's judgment and be subject to the Warden's final approval as to whether the showing of the movie would likely disrupt the orderly operation, security or safety of the institution, its staff, or inmates. Factors which may be included in determining suitability include:
1. Graphic Violence
  2. Explicit sexual activity
  3. Deviant behavior
  4. Open hostility toward any group based on its race, sex, sexual preference, religion, or ethnic background.
  5. A disruptive Security Threat Group theme.
  6. A strong anti-law enforcement theme.
- F. Any movie that is not strictly educational or instructional in nature shown by any department outside of recreation, (i.e. psychological services, mental health, education, etc...) must be screened and approved by the video screening committee to ensure compliance with the swank movie contract. This includes entertainment-type movies that may have an educational or instructional value. It is the program administrator's responsibility to request this screening. The movie may not be shown pending review by the committee.
- G. Videos that are strictly educational and/or instructional in nature, with no other entertainment value or purpose, do not need the approval of the video screening committee prior to viewing by inmates.
- H. All movies and/or instructional videos shown for educational, therapeutic, religious, or other programming purposes, including both those that are purely educational in nature and those with an entertainment value shown for educational purposes, shall be in compliance with the swank movie rental contract and listed in the program lesson plan.