

TELEVISION PROGRAM CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM FOR ENGLISH-LANGUAGE BROADCASTERS

This Rating System has been developed in response to parental concerns over violence in television programming. Violence is the most important consideration when a program is assigned a rating. To provide parents with more information about the suitability of a program, non-violent content elements such as language and sexuality/nudity have also been incorporated into the rating system.

Exempt	Children	Children 8 and older	General Audience	Parental Guidance	Viewers 14 and over	Adults
<p>Exempt programming includes: news, sports, documentaries and other information programming; talk shows, music videos, and variety programming.</p>	<p>Programming intended for children under age 8.</p> <p>VIOLENCE GUIDELINES Careful attention is paid to themes which could threaten children's sense of security and well-being. There will be no realistic scenes of violence. Depictions of aggressive behaviour will be infrequent and limited to portrayals that are clearly imaginary, comedic or unrealistic in nature.</p>	<p>Programming generally considered acceptable for children 8 years and over to watch on their own.</p> <p>VIOLENCE GUIDELINES Violence will not be portrayed as the preferred, acceptable, or only way to resolve conflict; or encourage children to imitate dangerous acts which they may see on television. Any realistic depictions of violence will be infrequent, discreet, of low intensity and will show the consequences of the acts.</p>	<p>Programming considered acceptable for all age groups. While not designed specifically for children, it is understood younger viewers may be part of the audience.</p> <p>VIOLENCE GUIDELINES Will contain very little violence, either physical or verbal or emotional. Will be sensitive to themes which could frighten a younger child, will not depict realistic scenes of violence which minimize or gloss over the effects of violent acts.</p>	<p>Programming intended for a general audience but which may not be suitable for younger children (under the age of 8). Parents may consider some content inappropriate for unsupervised viewing by children aged 8-13.</p> <p>VIOLENCE GUIDELINES Depictions of conflict and/or aggression will be limited and moderate; may include physical, fantasy, or supernatural violence.</p>	<p>Programming contains themes or content which may not be suitable for viewers under the age of 14. Parents are strongly cautioned to exercise discretion in permitting viewing by pre-teens and early teens.</p> <p>VIOLENCE GUIDELINES May contain intense scenes of violence. Could deal with mature themes and societal issues in a realistic fashion.</p>	<p>Programming intended for adults 18 and older. It may contain elements of violence, language, and sexual content which could make it unsuitable for viewers under 18.</p> <p>VIOLENCE GUIDELINES May contain violence integral to the development of the plot, character or theme, intended for adult audiences.</p>
	<hr/> <p>OTHER CONTENT GUIDELINES:</p> <p>There will be no offensive language, nudity or sexual content.</p>	<hr/> <p>OTHER CONTENT GUIDELINES:</p> <p>There will be no profanity, nudity or sexual content.</p>	<hr/> <p>OTHER CONTENT GUIDELINES:</p> <p>There may be some inoffensive slang, no profanity and no nudity.</p>	<hr/> <p>OTHER CONTENT GUIDELINES:</p> <p>May contain infrequent mild profanity, or mildly suggestive language. Could also contain brief scenes of nudity.</p>	<hr/> <p>OTHER CONTENT GUIDELINES:</p> <p>May contain scenes of nudity and/or sexual activity. There could be frequent use of profanity.</p>	<hr/> <p>OTHER CONTENT GUIDELINES:</p> <p>May contain graphic language and explicit portrayals of nudity and/or sex.</p>