

KNOW WHAT YOU'RE WATCHING!



Consumer Protection BC administers the *Motion Picture Act* and the *Motion Picture Act Regulations* in the Province of British Columbia.

ACCOMPANIMENT. IT'S THE LAW

In British Columbia movie theatres are regulated under the *Motion Picture Act* and *Regulations*. By law, theatres are required to follow the film classification system. This includes the enforcement of age restrictions.

For films classified as "14A" and "18A," persons under the age of 14 and 18 may only attend when accompanied by an adult. An adult must be in attendance with the under age viewer. Theatres cannot waive the adult accompaniment requirement. The adult must accompany the child during exhibition; a parent's permission is not enough under the law.

THEATRES

Theatres are responsible to ensure that they are in compliance with the law as set out by the *Motion Picture Act* and *Regulations*. Consumer Protection BC carries out all aspects of the film classification system including film classification, licensing and theatre inspections.

If you have a question or concern, please contact Consumer Protection BC.



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Classification Categories



The *Motion Picture Act Regulations* provide for the film classification categories used in British Columbia.



GENERAL

Suitable for viewing by person of all ages.



PARENTAL GUIDANCE

Theme or content may not be suitable for all children although there is no age restriction.



14 ACCOMPANIMENT

Persons under 14 years of age must view these motion pictures accompanied by an adult.



18 ACCOMPANIMENT

Persons under 18 years of age must view these motion pictures accompanied by an adult.



RESTRICTED

Persons under 18 years of age are not permitted to attend under any circumstances.

ADVISORIES

Advisories are short descriptive pieces designed to provide the public with information regarding film content. Theatres must display the classifications and advisories for all films.



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