
Televised Programs, Movies, Radio, Music, Video Games and Reading Materials

963.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The purpose is to establish and implement written policy and procedures for unscheduled recreational activities for youth in juvenile facilities. This policy applies to all juvenile facility staff.

963.2 AUTHORITY AND REFERENCES

- Board of State and Community Corrections Title 15 § 1371;
- Executive Committee.

963.3 POLICY

Staff shall exercise discretion as to which televised programs, movies, radio stations, music, video games and reading materials youth in juvenile facilities are exposed.

963.4 LIMITATIONS

Televised programs, movies, radio stations, music, video games and reading materials that are not allowed in juvenile facilities include, but are not limited to: those that glorify gang involvement, promote criminal activity and violence, demean a particular gender, promote racial discord, and/or are of a sexually explicit nature.

Live or recorded news bulletins that cover any type of violence (i.e. standoffs, carjackings, police chases, etc.) shall not be viewed by the youth.

963.5 DUTY OFFICER (DO) RESPONSIBILITIES/SUPERVISING PROBATION OFFICER (SPO)

All television programs, movies, radio stations, music, video games and reading materials shall require prior duty officer (DO)/supervising probation officer (SPO) approval.

- (a) The titles and ratings of all television programs, movies and video games shall be documented in the unit daily log.
- (b) All television programs and movies viewed shall have prior DO/SPO approval. Only "G", "PG", and "PG-13" rated television programs and movies are allowed as appropriate given the age of youth in the unit.
- (c) The following television programs and movie ratings are prohibited: "NR", "R", "NC17", and "X".
- (d) No edited recordings shall be permitted.
- (e) Only video games rated either; "C" - Early Childhood, "E" - Everyone, "E 10+" - Everyone 10+ and "T" - Teen (13+) are allowed as appropriate given the age of youth in the unit. The following video games ratings are prohibited: "M" - Mature, "A" - Adults Only and "RP" - Rating Pending.

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