

MICHIGAN DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS <b>POLICY DIRECTIVE</b>	EFFECTIVE DATE 09/18/2006	NUMBER 05.03.101
	SUBJECT <b>MOVIE SELECTION AND PREVIEWING</b>	
SUPERSEDES 05.03.101(04/23/01)		AUTHORITY MCL 791.203; 791.204
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**POLICY STATEMENT:**

Movies selected for prisoner viewing in Correctional Facilities Administration (CFA) institutions shall be in accordance with this policy.

**POLICY:**

GENERAL INFORMATION

- A. This policy applies to movies shown by a CFA institution to the prisoner population as a leisure time activity pursuant to PD 05.03.104 "Leisure Time Activities"; however, it does not apply to movies, tapes, DVD's, or other video recordings available for prisoner viewing through the school, library, or other program areas, although such videos must be screened prior to viewing to ensure they meet the requirements set forth in Paragraphs E and F. This policy also does not apply to movies on television; cable/satellite television movies shall be offered for prisoner viewing only as set forth in PD 04.02.110 "Prisoner Benefit Fund."
- B. Movies which are copyrighted and intended only for private home use shall be shown to the prisoner population only if a public performance licensing agreement is obtained. The cost of purchasing a public performance licensing agreement and movie rental costs shall be borne by the Prisoner Benefit Fund in accordance with PD 04.02.110 "Prisoner Benefit Fund."

MOVIE SCREENING AND SELECTION

- C. Wardens may authorize the showing of movies to general population prisoners at their respective institutions. If authorized, the Warden or designee shall establish a movie committee comprised of designated staff to recommend movies for prisoner viewing. The Warden of an institution to which a camp is annexed may designate a separate movie committee for the camp. The movie committee shall include at least one female and one male employee; at least one of the female committee members shall be a custody employee.
- D. The movie committee may use movie catalogs and similar publications as resources to aid in the movie selection process. Warden's Forum members selected by the Warden's Forum as set forth in PD 04.01.150 "Prisoner Housing Unit Representatives/Warden's Forum" may submit requests to the movie committee for consideration. Prisoner interests shall be considered when selecting movies for viewing subject to the restrictions set forth in this policy. If a separate movie committee is not established for the camp, the Warden shall ensure that camp prisoner interests are considered. Only movies rated G (general audience), PG (parental guidance suggested), PG-13 (parents strongly cautioned), and R (restricted) or "edited" R (edited to eliminate and/or reduce offensive language, nudity, violence, and sexual situations) may be considered.
- E. Movies shall not be selected which pose a threat to the security, good order, or discipline of the institution, facilitate or encourage criminal activity, or interfere with the rehabilitation of prisoners. Movies prohibited include the following:
  - 1. Movies which are clearly inflammatory due to content that advocates, promotes, or depicts racial conflicts, racial violence, insurrection, or prison disorders.

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2. Movies which “normalize” violence by depicting homicides, assaults, or sexual attacks as a principal plot, element, or theme.
  3. Movies which demean individuals based on gender, race, religion, ethnicity, or sexual orientation as a principal plot, element, or theme.
- F. Prior to showing an R-rated or “edited” R-rated movie, it shall be previewed by the movie committee to determine whether the movie is appropriate for showing to the prisoner population. Other movies shall be previewed if there is an indication that the movie may not be appropriate, as determined by the Warden or designee.
- G. The movie committee shall submit to the Warden or designee the titles of movies being recommended for showing to the prisoner population and a brief synopsis of each. The Warden or designee shall make the final determination whether a movie will be shown. Movies shall not be scheduled, announced, publicized, or shown to the prisoner population until the Warden or designee has approved the movie for viewing.

#### OPERATING PROCEDURES

- H. Wardens shall ensure that procedures are developed as necessary to implement requirements set forth in this policy directive. Procedures shall be completed within 60 calendar days after the effective date of this policy directive. This includes ensuring that their existing procedures are revised or rescinded, as appropriate, if inconsistent with policy requirements or no longer needed. Facility procedures shall not conflict with procedures issued by the Director or Deputy Director.

#### AUDIT ELEMENTS

- I. A Primary Audit Elements List has been developed and is available on the Department’s Document Access System to assist Wardens with self audit of this policy pursuant to PD 01.05.100 “Self Audit of Policies and Procedures”.

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