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**TO:** Proprietors, managers and staff of theatres  
and video/DVD and video game rental and  
retail outlets

**FROM:** Henry Huber, Chair, Manitoba  
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**SUBJECT:** Enforcement of the age restrictions for viewing, renting and selling film/video/ DVD and  
video games in Manitoba

Under the Amusement Act A70 and its regulations the Manitoba Film Classification Board classifies or regulates all film/video/DVD and video games for public exhibition and home use in Manitoba. Four of the six film classifications have age restrictions that theatres and video rental and retail outlets are required to enforce. For video games two of the six ESRB rating have age restrictions.

Details of the film and video game classifications are found on MFCB posters, brochures and shelf danglers or the MFCB website listed above.

The four film classifications with age restrictions are as follows:

1. **14A or 14 Accompaniment:** To view, rent or buy a person must be 14 or over or be accompanied by an Adult. If there is any uncertainty as to the age of a young patron or of the adult accompanying those under 14, proper ID must be requested.
2. **18A or 18 Accompaniment:** To view, rent or buy a person must be 18 or over or 14 to 17 and accompanied by an adult. If there is any uncertainty that a patron is 14 or over or of the age of the accompanying adult, proper ID must be requested.
3. **R or Restricted:** To view, rent or buy a person must be 18 or over. If there is any uncertainty, the adult must produce proper ID.
4. **Adult Product:** To view, rent or buy a person must be 18 or over. If there is any uncertainty, the adult must produce proper ID.

The two video games classifications with age restrictions are as follows:

5. **M or Mature 17+:** To view, rent or buy a person must be 17 or over. If there is any uncertainty as to the age of a young patron proper ID must be requested.
6. **Ao or Adult Only 18+:** To view, rent or buy a person must be 18 or over. If there is any uncertainty, the adult must produce proper ID.

**Note:** Having a note or signed consent form or a note or signed consent form on file from a parent to allow an under aged person to view, rent or buy any of the age restricted films or video games is not allowed under the regulations. Failure by theatres and video/DVD and video game rental and retail outlets to enforce the age restrictions will mean they are in non-compliance with the Amusements Act A70 and subject to the penalties as outlined in the Act.

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