MPAA (Motion Picture Association of America) Ratings System

G – General Audience
This is a film which contains nothing which would, in the view of the MPAA Rating Board, be offensive to parents whose younger children view the film.

PG – Parental Guidance Suggested
The theme of a PG-rated film may itself call for parental guidance. There may be some profanity in these films. There may be some violence or brief nudity. But these elements are not deemed so intense as to require that parents be strongly cautioned beyond the suggestion of parental guidance. There is no drug use content in a PG-rated film.

PG-13 – Parents Strongly Cautioned
A PG-13 film is one which, in the view of the MPAA Rating Board, leaps beyond the boundaries of the PG rating in theme, violence, nudity, sensuality, language, or other contents, but does not quite fit within the restricted R category. Any drug use content will initially require at least a PG-13 rating.

R – Restricted
An R-rated film may include hard language, or tough violence, or nudity within sensual scenes, or drug abuse or other elements, or a combination of some of the above, so that parents are counseled to take this advisory rating very seriously.

NC-17 – No Children 17 or Under
NC-17 does not necessarily mean “obscene or pornographic” in the often accepted or legal meaning of those words. The MPAA Review Board does not and cannot mark films with those words. These are legal terms and for courts to decide. The reasons for the application of an NC-17 rating can be violence or sex or aberrational behavior or drug abuse or any other elements which, when present, most parents would consider too strong and therefore off-limits for viewing by their children.
TV Ratings

TV Parental Guidelines Ratings System

The TV Parental Guidelines ratings provides program ratings, and content ratings to provide a clearer idea of the reason for a program’s rating.

Program Ratings

**TV-Y – All Children**
This program is designed to be appropriate for all children.

**TV-Y7 – Directed to Older Children**
This program is designed for children age 7 and above. It may include mild fantasy violence or comedic violence.

**TV-G – General Audience**
Most parents would find this program suitable for all ages.

**TV-PG – Parental Guidance Suggested**
This program contains material that parents may find unsuitable for younger children.

**TV-14 – Parents Strongly Cautioned**
This program contains some material that many parents would find unsuitable for children under 14 years of age.

**TV-MA – TV Mature Audience Only**
This program is specifically designed to be viewed by adults and therefore may be unsuitable for children under 17.

Content Ratings

Content Ratings are shown just below the program rating.

**FV: Fantasy Violence (only applied to TV-Y7)**
For those programs where fantasy violence may be more intense or more combative than other programs in this category.

The meaning of a content rating increases as the program rating increases.

**V: Violence**
- TV-PG: Moderate; TV-14: Intense; TV-MA: Graphic

**S: Sexuality**
- TV-PG: Some; TV-14: Intense; TV-MA: Explicit

**L: Language**
- TV-PG: Infrequent; TV-14: Strong; TV-MA: Crude

**D: Dialogue**
- TV-PG: Some; TV-14: Intense; TV-MA: Not used