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# **MOVIE/VIDEO SELECTION**

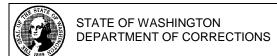
### **REVIEW/REVISION HISTORY:**

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**Department of Corrections** 

# SUMMARY OF REVISION/REVIEW:

Added II.E.3 that foreign films without subtitles	will not be selected	
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BERNARD WARNER, Secretary	Date Signed	



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#### **REFERENCES:**

DOC 100.100 is hereby incorporated into this policy

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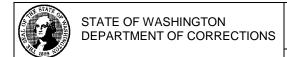
I. The Department does not promote movies/videos/DVDs that advocate excessive violence or discrimination, or contain sexually explicit and/or obscene material. The Department will make every effort to show movies/videos/DVDs that are in the best interest of the offender population.

### **DIRECTIVE:**

- General Provisions
  - A. Copyright infringement and illegal use of commercial and home recorded videotapes/DVDs are prohibited.
  - B. A commercially produced program that may be recorded or facility broadcast requires a letter of approval from the broadcast owner as detailed in the copyrights for each production (i.e., prohibition from reproduction of broadcasts without the express written permission from the appropriate authority).
  - C. All applicable licenses will be obtained and maintained.
  - D. Public performance licenses require the written approval of the appropriate Assistant Secretary.

#### II. Selection

- A. The Superintendent/Community Corrections Supervisor has authority over movie/video/DVD selection.
- B. Video/DVD rentals or purchases are limited to only self-help or educational programs. These must be assessed by educational providers through authorized sources (e.g., Board of Education, college trustees, licensing boards).
- C. The appropriate Assistant Secretary must approve, in writing, any movie/video/ DVD selection that is potentially controversial, sexually explicit, or explicit in terms of language or violence.
- D. Offender input may be considered in the selection process.
- E. The following types of movies/videos/DVDs will not be selected:



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- 1. X-rated.
- 2. Un-rated, unless they are considered a classic/documentary or have been screened.
- 3. Foreign without subtitles.
- 4. Advocating discrimination based on race, ethnicity, religion, or sexual orientation.
- 5. Threatens the orderly operation of a facility as determined by the Superintendent/Community Corrections Supervisor.
- 6. Threatens legitimate penological objectives.
- 7. Describes the procedures for the construction or use of weapons, ammunition, bombs, or incendiary devices.
- 8. Depicts discrimination, explicit sex, excessive violence, and/or obscene subject matter as determined by the Superintendent/Community Corrections Supervisor.

# **DEFINITIONS:**

The following words/terms are important to this policy and are defined in the glossary section of the Policy Manual: Discrimination, Obscene. Other word/terms appearing in this policy may also be defined in the glossary.

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#### **DOC FORMS:**

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