

3-17/000.00 Viewing of Movies by Inmates and Department Personnel

It is the goal of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department to provide a comfortable work environment to its Department members. As such, the viewing of any inappropriate or offensive movie in the workplace is prohibited.

For the purpose of this policy the term "movie" refers to any format a movie can be contained (e.g., videocassette, DVD, film, mpeg, those received from a cable or satellite signal, or any other form)

Department members are prohibited from bringing in, viewing, or playing any of the following movies, while on-duty, within a County facility, bus, or vehicle:

- Any movie rated "X" or "NC-17"
- Any "R" rated movie, with the exception of those movies provided under contract, by Swank Motion Pictures Inc., which have been edited for viewing in a custodial environment
- Any movie that contains material of a sexually explicit nature
- Any movie that has not been rated by or approved for production by the Motion Picture Association of America (MPAA)
- Any unrated version of a movie that was formally rated by the MPAA
- Any unlicensed, "bootlegged", or otherwise illegally recorded copy of a movie
- Any television recordings, home-made videos, or movies not licensed for public viewing

No movie with any of the above content shall be played or aired for viewing by inmates within the Sheriff's Department custody at any time.

Additionally, Department members are prohibited from bringing any communication or recording device used for viewing movies, such as digital cameras, into a custody facility without prior approval from the watch commander.

Exceptions to this policy would include any of the above material being viewed for the specific purpose of "training" or in direct correlation to an investigation. Any training material that includes any of the above content shall be approved by the watch commander prior to its viewing.

Watch Commander Responsibilities

Watch Commanders who approve movies, and or recording/communication devices to be brought into their facility, to be viewed by employees or inmates, shall enter the occurrence into the facility's daily log or watch commander log.