

*The following tips are offered for parents who wish to take an active role in protecting their children from negative images and messages from media:*

- ✓ Set limits on how much television is allowed each day.
- ✓ Make a list of all TV programs for the week. Choose some that the whole family can enjoy together.
- ✓ Become familiar with video and computer games that children want to play. Do not assume that they are wholesome entertainment.

- ✓ Encourage your local Parent-Teacher Organization to take an interest in media violence by offering informative programs.
- ✓ Be aware of the rating and content of movies that your children want to see. Titles and advertising can be misleading.
- ✓ Remember that children need adult guidance when selecting movies, television programs, and other forms of entertainment. Be fair, but firm. Don't be swayed by the plea, "But everyone will be seeing/playing it!"

- ✓ Let movie theaters know you want to see movies offering something besides violence.
- ✓ Form or join a parents' group to discuss concerns about children's exposure to media violence. Strength and support can be found when members of a group have similar issues and goals. Invite representatives from the media, law enforcement, schools, churches, and the business community to join your group.

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# Children's Entertainment

## ***Making Good Decisions***

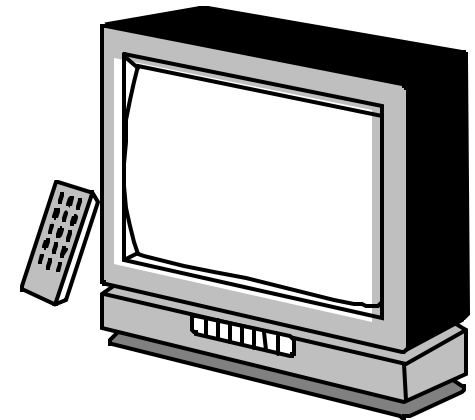
Parents everywhere are concerned about the increased levels of violence to which children are exposed, often in the name of entertainment. Since television, movies, and other forms of entertainment have the power to influence impressionable children, it is important that parents learn as much as possible about protecting their children from excessive amounts of violence in all types of media.



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