

The RSVP Rating System™

(Ratings for Sex, Violence and Profanity)

Many people are tired of and frustrated by the current movie rating system (G, PG, PG-13, R and NC-17). They don't believe it tells them what to expect in the way of content related to sex, violence or profanity. A 12-year old girl burned a CD using a computer at her elementary school and it had language on it that would make a sailor blush. We are seeing (and hearing) things on TV that, while they might not make a sailor blush, are not the kinds of things many people want their children watching or hearing. So, a new rating system is herewith proposed – and it applies to CDs, radio shows and TV shows as well as movies.

The RSVP Rating System™ is simple enough. It rates three categories of content: Sex, Violence and Profanity. The rating scale addresses amount (how much) and nature (how bad) as follows and applies to all three categories:

Rating	Amount	Nature
0	None	- NA -
1	Very Little	Mild
3	Some	Moderate
6	A Lot	Severe

The ratings are presented in SVP order, preceded by the letters RSVP (which represent Rating for Sex, Violence and Profanity). To illustrate, a movie with no sexual content, very little violence and moderate profanity would receive an RSVP rating of 013. A CD with lyrics advocating murder and rape and incessantly using the F and mother-F words would receive an RSVP rating of 666. A movie with no sex, violence or profanity would receive an RSVP rating of 000.

The rating scales for the nature of the content are tentatively and illustratively defined as follows:

Rating	Sex	Violence	Profanity
0	- NA -	- NA -	- NA -
1	Amorous kissing; petting; sexual innuendos; revealing clothing	Pushing, shoving, fist-fights	Damn, hell, piss, bitch, son-of-a-bitch
3	Suggested sexual acts, bare breasts, buttocks	Shootings, stabbings, heavy bleeding	Dick, asshole, bastard, shit
6	Simulated or actual sexual acts, full nudity	Dismemberment, rape, beatings, torture	F--k, mother-f--ker, c--ksucker, cunt, pussy

I'm very interested in what others think about this rating system. Please feel free to comment and make suggestions.