How you can assist the FCB

Your responsibility as a citizen of Barbados is to ensure as much as possible that children are not allowed to watch movies which contain nudity, violence or abusive language. You should also become familiar with the ratings and the ages that are attached to them and report any cases of movies being viewed by persons who are not of suitable age.

THE FILM CENSORSHIP BOARD

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The Film Censorship Board (FCB) is an entity which falls under the aegis of the Ministry of Creative Economy, Culture, Sports. It is governed by the Films Act, Chapter 299 of the Laws of Barbados.

Members of the FCB are selected by the Minister of the Ministry of Creative Economy, Culture, Sports, and serve a tenure for three years.

At present, the board consist of a Chairman, a Deputy Chairman, the Permanent Secretary’s Representative, and twelve other members including a secretary.

**Q. What is the Function of the FCB?**

**A.** The Board’s primary function is the censoring and rating of all movies prior to them being shown in the cinemas or any public forum. In addition, members can periodically make unscheduled visits to the cinemas with a view of ensuring that the ratings assigned are adhered to and that the audience is age appropriate.

**Q. What should citizens look for when going to view a film?**

You should be aware of the ratings and age limits that are attached to movies and report any variations to the manager of the cinema and the Secretary of the Film Censorship Board.

**Q. What are the ratings and what do they mean?**

Films are classified by the Board in the following manner:

- **[GA]** General Audience - that the Board considers the film to be suitable for viewing by persons of any age
- **[PG]** Parental Guidance - that the Board considers that every parent should exercise discretion in permitting a child to view the film.
- **[PG13]** Parental Guidance 13 - that the Board considers that the viewing of the film should be restricted to persons 13 years of age or older and that parental discretion is advised.
- **[R]** Restricted - that is the Board considers that viewing of the film should be restricted to persons 18 years and older because it contains strong language, nudity, sexual situations or violence.
- **[A]** Adult only - that the Board considers that viewing of the film should be restricted to persons 18 years of age and older because it contains graphic violence, strong sexual situations or full frontal nudity.