

## MOVIE NIGHTS – LICENSING is the LAW!

In 2012, the Canadian Parliament passed Bill C-11: The Copyright Modernization Act. It expanded copyright exemptions for provincially administered educational institutions (i.e. not private commercial institutions) allowing for the presentation of copyrighted commercially available movies for educational purposes.

Notwithstanding changes to copyright regulations, a public performance license is **required by law** for all educational institutions that present commercially available movies within a **leisure environment**.

The public performance exceptions contained in C-11 are strictly educational in nature and **do not apply** to presentations occurring outside of a classroom curriculum related context.

- Do I need a license if I show movies during lunch or as part of kindergarten programs? **YES**
- Do I need a license if movies are free or just for a few students? **YES**
- Do I need a license if movies are personally owned or purchased from retail stores? **YES**
- Do I need a license for charity fundraiser events? **YES**
- Do movie events organized by parents' associations require a license? **YES**
- Are the movies and studios listed here covered by other vendors? **NO**
- Do copyright laws allow me to show movies for leisure purposes without a license? **NO**

All public presentations must be licensed, even if you own the movie and you are not charging anything. A public performance license is required for these events.

**Check with your school to get their support in obtaining a single presentation license or to obtain the information on their annual public performance license.**

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