

## Watching films

Would you like to watch a film with your girls/young women at camp or in your unit meeting etc but are not sure if you're breaking any copyright laws?

When you buy or rent a film to watch at home, the first thing you see on the screen is a copyright notice. It informs you that 'this film is for home viewing only' and warns that you will be breaking copyright law if you show it anywhere else.

Girlguiding UK has arranged a licence with the Motion Picture Licensing Company (MPLC) which allows our members to show films without breaking any copyright laws.

- films can be shown to members of Girlguiding UK and members' parents only
- you have to buy or rent the film legally - no pirate copies
- you can't charge any admission fees\*
- you can't advertise or publicise the film screening to the general public.

\* No fees may be charged to view the film. You may include films as part of a larger event as long as the films are not screened outdoors and the event involves no more than 200 attendees. Larger events and outdoor events have to be licensed separately.

This licence covers films produced by many major companies. Checking whether the film you want to show is covered by the licence is very simple: just call or email the MPLC (01323 649647 or [ukinfo@mplc.com](mailto:ukinfo@mplc.com)), and their advisers will look it up for you. The list of companies covered changes constantly so it is important to contact MPLC every time you show a film. You are still responsible for checking the age rating on the film and making sure it is appropriate for your group.

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