

# Game Classification

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*Welcome to the Office of Film and Literature Classification's monthly newsletter on computer games classifications.*

#### February 2009 classifications

In February the Office classified seven games:

- *Afro Samurai* - R16 Violence, sexual references and offensive language
- *The Chronicles Of Riddick: Assault on Dark Athena* - R18 Violence and offensive language
- *Hei\$t* (aka *Heist*) - R16 Violence, sexual references and offensive language
- *Ninja Blade* - R13 Violence
- *Resistance: Retribution* - R13 Violence
- *Grand Theft Auto IV: Lost and Damned* (aka *GTA 4: Lost And Damned*; aka *Lost and Damned*) - R18 Violence, offensive language and drug use
- *The House Of The Dead: Overkill* (aka *House of the Dead: Overkill*)- R16 Violence, offensive language and horror

An excel spreadsheet with all games classified in New Zealand is attached to this email. The new classifications for February are highlighted on a separate worksheet.

#### *Useful websites about video games*

The Office of Film and Literature Classification has added to its website an information page for parents which contains links to information on such topics as media literacy, internet safety and video games. The following websites may also be of interest to game retailers:

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**Parentline** - Parentline is a Hamilton based parent support group with a focus on the prevention of abuse and neglect of children. In 2009 it completed research into the video game playing habits of children: *R18 means R18*. [NZ site]

[www.parentline.org.nz](http://www.parentline.org.nz)

**Entertainment Software Rating Board (ESRB)** - the ESRB is a non-profit, self-regulatory body established in 1994 by the Entertainment Software Association. It aims to inform consumers, especially parents about computer and video games.

[US site]

[www.esrb.org/about/pta\\_partnership.jsp](http://www.esrb.org/about/pta_partnership.jsp)

Links to these websites can be found on the Parents page in the Public section of our website.

### *More information*

If you have any questions or would like more information about anything in this newsletter, please contact us.

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