

Game Classification

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Welcome to the Office of Film and Literature Classification's monthly newsletter on electronic game classifications.

April 2009 classifications

In April the Office classified five games:

- *Company Of Heroes: Tales Of Valor* - R13 Violence and offensive language
- *Halo 3: ODST (aka Halo 3: Orbital Drop Ship Troopers)* - R16 Violence
- *Tenchu: Shadow Assassin (aka Tenchu 4)*- R13 Violence
- *UFC 2009 Undisputed* - R16 Violence
- *Velvet Assassin* - R16 Violence

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

R18 Means R18 - Parentline Games Research

Parentline, a Hamilton-based parent and child advocacy organisation has published a research report looking at the gaming habits of children in Hamilton aged between 5 and 14 years of age.

Parentline's "R18 means R18" campaign and report aim to:

- highlight the legal requirements regarding age restricted materials
- support adults to better fulfil their legal responsibilities towards children
- protect children from engagement in and exposure to restricted games
- promote suitable games

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The research surveyed 1187 5-14 year olds and 496 parents in Hamilton. It also conducted 'sting' operations at retail outlets to assess retail staff's understanding of the law regarding supply of restricted material.

The report contains analysis of survey results, copies of all survey questions, ranked results on games, information on the law in New Zealand, summaries of overseas research and links to overseas games information sites. It can be downloaded from the Parentline website at: www.parentline.org.nz

More information

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

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