



Top 10 list of games that parents should NOT let their kids play due to mature content:

(In no particular order)

1. Gears of War series
2. MadWorld
3. Grand Theft Auto series
4. Mortal Kombat series
5. Call of Duty series (Black Ops edition is very popular)
6. Deadrising series
7. Resident Evil
8. Red Dead Redemption
9. Dark Souls
10. Manhunt

Violent/Inappropriate for youth video games recently released:

1. Gears of War: Judgement was released on March 19th, 2013
2. Soul Sacrifice was released on April 30th, 2013
3. Resident Evil Revelations was released on May 21st, 2013
4. Mortal Kombat Complete Edition was released on July 2nd, 2013
5. Saints Row IV was released on August 20th, 2013

6. Grand Theft Auto V (5) was the most anticipated game of the year amongst teenagers and children alike. It was released on September 17, 2013 and is related M for Mature, meaning that retailers should NOT be selling the game to youth under the age of 17. Parents need to be very concerned about this game as it includes extremely graphic and mature content including gameplay surrounding killing police, prostitution, sexual behaviours, torture, illegal activities, and reckless behaviour

7. Assassin's Creed IV: Black Flag was released on October 29th, 2013
8. Call of Duty: Ghosts was released on November 5th, 2013

Please keep in mind that this list is not exhaustive or complete by any means. We could easily make a list of the top 100 games with excessive violence. In fact, it would almost be more appropriate to make a list of games that kids can play instead of ones they should not. Many games have violence but they vary in degree. Take the Halo series for example, from a lesser of two evils perspective, this would be a one of the "better" violent games for them to play (if they were going to play one anyways) because they are killing completely abstract aliens with no human relatability.

Though it does not seem to stop children buying these games, video games are rated. Video game companies are required by law to display the content rating on the face of their game (similar to movie ratings). I have attached a picture of the basic rating categories you can expect to see displayed on video games cases in Canada.

There are 7 ratings for video games:



EARLY CHILDHOOD

Titles rated EC (Early Childhood) have content that may be suitable for ages 3 and older. Contains no material that parents would find inappropriate.



EVERYONE

Titles rated E (Everyone) have content that may be suitable for ages 6 and older. Titles in this category may contain minimal cartoon, fantasy or mild violence and/or infrequent use of mild language.



EVERYONE 10+

Titles rated E10+ (Everyone 10 and older) have content that may be suitable for ages 10 and older. Titles in this category may contain more cartoon, fantasy or mild violence, mild language and/or minimal suggestive themes.



TEEN

Titles rated T (Teen) have content that may be suitable for ages 13 and older. Titles in this category may contain violence, suggestive themes, crude humour, minimal blood, simulated gambling, and/or infrequent use of strong language.



MATURE

Titles rated M (Mature) have content that may be suitable for persons ages 17 and older. Titles in this category may contain intense violence, blood and gore, sexual content and/or strong language.



ADULTS ONLY

Titles rated AO (Adults Only) have content that should only be played by persons 18 years and older. Titles in this category may include prolonged scenes of intense violence and/or graphic sexual content and nudity.

ESRB ratings are prominently displayed on the cover of most computer and video game products on Canadian store shelves.

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