

***Licensing Guidelines for
Congregational
Public Performance of Home
Videos and DVD's***

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Why Have a License?

- **Pre-recorded home videocassettes or videodiscs (commonly available in retail or rental stores) are intended for personal, home use only. They generally do not carry licenses for public showings.**
- **Viewing outside the home requires a license granting specific authorization. This is the case for each organization that uses videos—even for nonprofit groups, even if admission is not being charged, and even though the video has been purchased.**
- **The Copyright Act of 1976 gives copyright owners almost total control of the use of their copyrighted works, including the right to perform films and videocassettes. By law, pre-recorded videocassettes and videodiscs are for home use only, unless you have permission to show them in public. Without permission, you may be in violation of the Copyright Act and subject to substantial penalties.**

Permission Granted

Churches and other ministry organizations can show videos and be in accordance with the U.S. Copyright Act by using one of the following methods:

- Showing videos which have "Public Performance Rights"
- Receiving written permission prior to using the video, or obtaining coverage with the Church Video License

Some Important Terms

See Full Terms at:

<http://www.cvli.org/CVLI/Terms.cfm?Country=US>

- The public performances authorized by this License **shall take place in the facility(ies) specified in the Application** and the sole purpose of such public performance is to exhibit motion pictures to members, staff and guests of LICENSEE and the audience will be limited accordingly. **No specific titles, or any characters from such titles, or producers' names will be advertised or publicized to the general public, and no admission or other fee will be charged to the audience.**

What You Can Do With a License

- Ministers can use selected movies to illustrate sermon points.
- Sunday schools and Youth Groups can view the latest videos.
- Educational classes can use videos for teaching and training.
- Other ministry organizations (schools, childcare, conferences, camps) can also be licensed to include videos in their programs.

What You CANNOT Do

- This license does not cover materials that have been copied from another source or recorded from television. It also does not cover charging an admission fee for video showings or where specific titles have been advertised or publicized.

(This license covers manufactured videocassettes and videodiscs purchased, rented or borrowed.)

Checking on Videos or DVD's

- The Producer List:
<http://www.cvli.org/CVLI/ProducerList.cfm?Country=US>
- Toll Free Phone: 1 (888) 771-2854