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**This is a copy of the FBI Shield which typically appears at the beginning of every DVD you purchase &/or rent for home use.**

<http://www.movlic.com/copyrightcompliance.html>

## **We Abhor Piracy!!!**

**Jan Lisa Huttner & Richard Bayard Miller, your FILMS FOR TWO® hosts, abhor the theft of intellectual property. We consider the unauthorized public performance of films, in particular, both illegal AND unethical. This applies to WITASWAN™ as well as all other “noble causes” which we may individually or jointly support.**

### **IMPORTANT LEGAL NOTICE:**

The Federal Copyright Act (Title 17 of the U.S. Code) governs how copyrighted materials, such as movies, may be used. If you've bought or rented a movie, then you may view it in your home with your friends and your family – but that's it! Neither renting nor buying a movie carries with it the right to show the movie publicly outside the home, unless the site where the movie is shown has been properly licensed for public exhibition.

What you've rented or bought is only the movie and not the public display or performance rights, which remain with the copyright owner. This legal copyright compliance requirement applies to schools, public libraries, daycare facilities, parks, recreation departments, summer camps, churches, private clubs, prisons, lodges, businesses, etc., without regard to whether you charge for the screening.

So remember, any public showing - even from DVD's, BD's (Blu-ray Discs), or videocassettes - requires a license!

**If in doubt concerning your particular situation,  
please consult a competent copyright attorney for specific advice!**

# From the MPAA Website



**For definition of “Public Performance,” see:**

[http://www.mpa.org/piracy\\_other.asp](http://www.mpa.org/piracy_other.asp)

**For FAQs re “Public Performance,” see:**

[http://www.mpa.org/Public\\_Performance.asp](http://www.mpa.org/Public_Performance.asp)

**Please note these specific details:**

## ***The Law says...***

The Federal Copyright Act (Title 17 of the U.S. Code) governs how copyrighted materials, such as movies, may be used. Neither the rental nor the purchase of a movie carries with it the right to show the movie outside the home... This legal requirement applies **regardless of whether an admission fee is charged**, whether the institution or organization is commercial or non-profit, or whether a federal or state agency is involved.

## ***Legal Sanctions***

"Willful" infringement for commercial or financial gain is a federal crime carrying a maximum sentence of up to five years in jail and/or a \$250,000 fine. Civil damages for willful infringement may be as high as \$150,000 per work, and **even inadvertent infringers are subject to substantial civil damages**, ranging from \$750 to \$30,000 for each work illegally shown.