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Project Title Do You Know What Your Children Watched Last Night?	
Abstract Objectives/Goals To find out whether movie theaters in LA county have the necessary methods in place to prevent children under age from watching movies that are not appropriate for them, due to violence, explicit sexual scenes or foul language. Methods/Materials 18 cineplexes were picked and theaters were graded according to the way their security responded to 3 different situations. 1- Can a 12 year old child buy tickets for an R[Rated movie without her parents present? 2.-Can she come into a room where R Rated movies are being watched unscorted without being stopped? 3.-Can she stay in the room. watched the movie without being asked to step out? Results 1.-9/18 (50% of theaters did not sell R-rated movie tickets to us. 2.-5/18 (28%) theatres had security guards at the entrance of the movie and did not allow the children in. 3.-13/18 (72%) allowed children to stay in the theater while watching the R-rated movie. Conclusions/Discussion In conclusion I think I proved my hypothesis to be correct: that the theaters in general lack a good security system to prevent children from watching R- Rated movies. That the voluntary system does not work because parents trust a system that is faulty or does not exist and most do not understand.	
Summary Statement I'm testing whether or not Movie theaters in LA county lack the necessary methods to prevent children from watching movie inappropriate for their age.	
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