

Not Recommended

Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel

Summary of Panel Review

Choosing to be Disease Free (1998)

Video

For grades 8-12

Cost: \$95.00 for video, plus shipping and handling

At-Risk Resources

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The Minnesota Sexuality Education Resource Review Panel **Does Not Recommend the use of this video for the following reasons:**

This video is primarily a lecture presentation about four sexually transmitted diseases. While there are some good messages about refusal skills, getting tested for STDs and seeking confidential medical services, the panel expressed serious concerns about the video's use of exaggerated, overly dramatic anecdotes and medical inaccuracies as a method of instruction. Very little documentation is provided to support the statistics that are used. The narrator's style of presentation comes across as condescending and disrespectful towards the intended audience (10th-12th graders). In addition, negative gender stereotypes are used, diminishing male responsibility and characterizing females as victims that should be distrustful of males.

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Review Criteria

	Mean Score
1. Technically accurate and up-to-date	1.5
2. Gender Fair	1.2
3. Sexuality Positive	1.0
4. Developmentally appropriate for age	1.9
5. Racially, ethnically, culturally non-biased	1.5
6. Sound educational methodology	1.4
7. Educational messages/strategies provided for learners at all points of risk continuum	1.3

Scoring is based on a 5 point Likert scale, from poor (1) to excellent (5). The mean (average) is based on the assessments of the panel members who were present to review the material 7/13/99.

Panel Recommendations for Appropriate Audiences

Potential Audience	Recommend highly	Recommend	Reject	No response
General Audiences (Community groups, civic organizations, businesses, churches, community education)	0	0	14	1
School Settings (PK-3, 4-6, 7-9, 10-12, college/adult, DD/EBD, teachers, school boards, school administrators, all personnel, youth groups)	0	1	14	3
Individual/Group Counseling (Health/social service clients at high risk and the professionals who serve them)	0	0	14	1
Multicultural/Inclusive Audiences (Addresses needs of communities of color; issues of sexual orientation, gender, disability)	0	0	15	0
Other (Describe)	0	0	2	12