

NWPEG-TV
Programming Content Policy
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Individuals that produce or provide programs for broadcast on NWPEG-TV are solely responsible for the content of their programs. The policy of NWPEG-TV complies with all federal and state statutes that restrict how Community Access Television can be used. Beyond the enforcement of these statutes NWPEG-TV staff and board of directors do not exercise any editorial control of programs produced or provided by any eligible person.

NWPEG-TV does not pre-screen programs. It is the responsibility of the producer or provider to notify NWPEG-TV staff if they believe their program may be restricted by the following criteria:

1. Commercial content: State statute prevents the broadcast of commercial content on NWPEG-TV channels. Commercial content is defined as material directly promoting the sale of products or services offered by a business or for-profit venture.
Program underwriters can be acknowledged with a maximum of two fifteen second segments which can include no more than the name, physical address, website, picture and logo of the business/organization/individual.
2. Obscene content: Obscene content is not protected by the First Amendment to the U.S. Constitution. This content cannot be aired at any time on NWPEG-TV. Obscene content is defined as a program without serious literary, artistic, political or scientific value that offensively depicts or describes sexual acts.
3. Calls to Violence: Programs that contain calls to violence against individuals or groups of people or their property are not permitted to air.
4. Indecent content: Pursuant of federal statutes requiring safe harbor hours for young television viewers, indecent material will only be permitted to air on NWPEG-TV channels between the hours of 2:00am and 5:00am. Safe harbor hours are intended to reduce the likelihood that children will be in the viewing audience. Indecent material is defined as describing or depicting sexual or excretory acts, but does not rise to the level of offensiveness of obscene content.
5. Profanity: Profane material is also limited by federal statutes to air only during hours when it is very unlikely that children will be watching television. Profanity is defined as words that when uttered are themselves a public nuisance. Content containing profanity will only be aired during the safe harbor hours of 2:00am to 5:00am.

If any program violating federal or state statute or NWPEG-TV policy is aired it is solely the responsibility of the producer or provider of the program. If a producer is uncertain if the content of their program will violate statute or policy the Executive Director of NWPEG-TV (or his/her designee) will determine eligibility of a program for broadcast. Decisions on broadcast eligibility can be appealed to the Board of Directors in writing. All producers and providers of programs are encouraged to seek legal advice before submitting a program for broadcast on NWPEG-TV.