

**WCCA TV 13 COMMUNITY TELEVISION  
COMPLAINT REGARDING OBJECTIONABLE PROGRAMMING**

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The primary goal of **WCCA TV 13** is to facilitate the First Amendment right of free speech through the promotion of free expression and diverse ideas on **Worcester's** public access television channel. The Staff and Board of Directors at Cable 13 recognize that, given the nature of public access television, material that is offensive to some viewers may be aired from time to time. While the Board and Staff of Cable 13 are dedicated to protecting the First Amendment rights of those who produce and cablecast programs, we are equally dedicated to enforcing **WCCA TV 13's** rules as well as federal and state law regarding obscene, libelous or slanderous material.

In addition to rules regarding libel, slander and obscenity, **WCCA TV 13** also requires that all programming be of a non-commercial nature, may not promote gambling, lotteries or pyramid schemes, and may not otherwise be illegal under federal or state law. Also, mature programming on **WCCA TV 13** may only be aired between the hours of 11:00pm and 3:00 A.M. Because of a Constitutional principle known as "prior restraint", the Staff of Cable 13 generally does not screen programs prior to cablecast, but producers are required to agree, in writing, that their programs do not violate any of the rules discussed above. If a producer violates any of these rules they are subject to discipline including being permanently banned from cable casting any program on Cable 13.

The Staff and Board of **WCCA TV 13** encourage public comment regarding any program that violates any of these rules or standards. Please provide your comments or objections below:

**NAME OF PROGRAM:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TIME AND DATE PROGRAM WAS CABLECAST:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PRODUCER (IF KNOWN):** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE PROGRAM SHOULD NOT BE CABLECAST BECAUSE IT CONTAINS (PLEASE CHECK ONE OR MORE OF THE FOLLOWING):** OBSCENITY \_\_\_\_\_, LIBELOUS OR SLANDEROUS MATERIAL \_\_\_\_\_, MATERIAL WHICH PROMOTES A LOTTERY OR GAMBLING \_\_\_\_\_, MATERIAL OF A COMMERCIAL NATURE \_\_\_\_\_, MATERIAL THAT VIOLATES FEDERAL OR STATE LAW \_\_\_\_\_, MATURE MATERIAL CABLECAST AT AN INAPPROPRIATE HOUR \_\_\_\_\_.

**PLEASE DESCRIBE IN DETAIL YOUR OBJECTIONS.**

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**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Daytime Phone # ( )** \_\_\_\_\_

Material is obscene if:

- (1) The material depicts or describes in a patently offensive way sexual conduct; and
- (2) The average person applying contemporary community standards relating to the depiction or description of sexual matters would find that the material taken as a whole appeals to the prurient interest in sex; and
- (3) The material lacks serious literary, artistic, political, or scientific value; and
- (4) The material as used is not protected or privileged under the Constitution of the United States or the Constitution of North Carolina.

"Sexual conduct" means:

- (1) Vaginal, anal, or oral intercourse, whether actual or simulated, normal or perverted; or
- (2) Masturbation, excretory functions, or lewd exhibition of uncovered genitals; or
- (3) An act or condition that depicts torture, physical restraint by being fettered or bound, or flagellation of or by a nude person or a person clad in undergarments or in revealing or bizarre costume.

Obscenity shall be judged with reference to ordinary adults except that it shall be judged with reference to children or other especially susceptible audiences if it appears from the character of the material or the circumstances of its dissemination to be especially designed for or directed to such children or audiences.