

PEGI Ratings

The Pan European Game Information (PEGI) system has been used since 2003 to inform gamers, parents and carers on the suitability of video game content. In the United Kingdom, the PEGI system has legally enforceable since 2012 on 12, 16 and 18 rated games.

PEGI have 2 different tiers to help parents and carers to show how suitable the content is to help make an informed decision on the appropriateness; it does not rate the difficulty of the game - no matter what our children may tell us—meaning that 18 rated games will contain very adult themes and imagery so should be treated the same way as adult rated films, TV shows and images.

PEGI Age Labels



Games rated PEGI 3 contain content that is suitable for all ages—no bad language, nothing frightening and violence will be very mild



May contain scenes and sounds that may frighten, while violence might be implied, non-detailed or non-realistic



Violence may be more graphic against fantasy characters, and non-realistic towards human characters. May contain sexual innuendo, and mild bad language



Violence will be more realistic, as will sexual activity. More extreme bad language may be present as well as illegal drugs, alcohol and smoking



Includes gross and realistic violent acts against defenceless characters, and apparent motiveless killing. It could also include explicit sexual activity and sexual violence. Bad language could be extreme and frequent throughout the game. Use of illegal drugs may be glamorised, as could criminal or highly immoral behaviour.

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IN-GAME PURCHASES

The game will allow you to pay real money for virtual currency or additional content for the game



BAD LANGUAGE

The game will contain bad language which could be mild swearing at PEGI 12 or sexual expletives at PEGI 16 or 18



VIOLENCE

The game will contain depictions of violence which will become increasingly realistic dependent on the age rating



GAMBLING

The game will contain elements which encourage or teach gambling. PEGI 12 is the minimum age this will appear



SEX

The game will contain sexual innuendo at PEGI 12 but may include erotic nudity, sexual intercourse or explicit sexual activity at PEGI 18



FEAR

The game will contain images, sounds or situations which may be frightening or scary for younger gamers



DRUGS

The game may contain references or depict the use of tobacco, alcohol or illegal drugs, which may be glamorised



DISCRIMINATION

The game contains stereotyping of individuals likely to encourage hatred. This will only appear on PEGI 18 games