

Content Regulatory Authority of South Africa**PRESS RELEASE****IMMEDIATE RELEASE****FPB ADVISES THE PUBLIC NOT TO SHARE THE VIDEO DEPICTING VIOLENCE AGAINST
CHILDREN**

22 October 2025, Centurion. The Film and Publication Board (FPB) has noted with concern the trending video clip circulated on various social media platforms depicting violence against by a child. The video clip shows a learner hitting another learner with a stick.

The content of the video clip and the sharing thereof by any member of the public, is in contravention with Section 18G of the Films and Publications Act, 1996 (Act No. 65 of 1996) as amended, (FP Act) which prohibits the distribution of content (video or photo) depicting violence against children. Section 24F states that everyone who is found guilty of distributing such content will be liable for a fine of up to R150 000 or up to two (2) years imprisonment.

“The distribution of the material underlines the continuing unprecedented trend of online harms directed at children and other vulnerable groups, including women and people with disabilities. As the FPB, we are gearing ourselves up to aggressively deal with these online harms so that we have a safer online environment for the entire South African public. Being online is a human right issue which every South African should enjoy whether for social, economic, or educational purpose”, said the Acting Chief Executive Officer of the FPB, Ms Hulisani Ramugadi.

By the powers entrusted in it, the FPB has written to social media platforms to take down the said video clip from their platform. Internally, the FPB shall monitor the Take-down by digital platforms to ensure that no further dissemination or distribution by the public occurs. Members of the public are advised not to share, re-post or distribute the said video in any form because they will equally be guilty for the dissemination or distribution of prohibited content as defined in the FP Act, thus being held liable for fines and penalties prescribed by the Act.

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Members of the public are encouraged to report complaints relating to harmful and prohibited online content to hotline@fpb.org.za

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