**MOVIES**

**Materials**

* **Money**
* **Wheelchair**
* **Candy**
* **Comb for car**
* **Preferred music for car**

**He enjoys movies that have lots of action, comedy, oldies music, or water settings. Movies rated PG or PG-13 are acceptable. He does not enjoy G movies such as Disney animated movies or movies with a lot of dialogue. Whenever possible, look through the newspaper and choose the movie with him. Before a movie, give him a light meal (if requested) or no snack/meal so he will eat his popcorn. Pack candy such as Raisinets out of sight. He may have this when he finishes his popcorn.**

**Arrive no more than 10-15 minutes early, but before the lights go down in the theater. If there is a line, he will have difficulty standing in one place for an extended period of time. He may begin to move in a circle. Facilitate waiting by engaging him in talk about what he is going to do or other conversation. Talk about getting popcorn, what kind of soda he will buy, the name of the movie, etc. Encourage him to hold on to your arm or hook his arm into yours if the environment is very crowded.**

**If the theater is not crowded, assist him to take out his wallet and hand it to the cashier. Prompt him to order. Say two tickets for \_\_\_\_\_\_" Let him fill in the blank with the name of the movie. He may get very excited and talk loudly. Remind him to use a quiet voice and model the correct volume. Encourage him to hand the ticket to the ticket taker. He will not be interested in the stub. If he does not take it, take it for him and keep it as a conversation remnant.**

**At the concession counter, use the same strategies as above for waiting. Prompt him to order a large popcorn and a large soda. Carry these for him and hook his arm through yours as you walk to the theater.**

**Choose a seat on the end in the front third of the theater (variables affecting seat choice are lighting, crowd size, and theatre set-up). Allow him the end seat. Once seated, give him the popcorn and place the soda in the holder. You may want to bring along a small paper bag to pour popcorn into for him; this will be easier for him to hold. He will need assistance to get the cup when he wants a drink and will hand it back when he is finished.**

**If Ron asks to go to the bathroom, ask him to wait until later. If he insists, take him into the disabled stall and assist as usual.**

**Begin the verbal transition out of the movie to the next activity as soon as the credits begin. Remain seated until the credits are finished and the crowd is light.**

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