

First Run Photo Sensitive Epilepsy Guidelines

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This guide will provide the necessary information on Photo Sensitive Epilepsy in First Run Festival submissions.

Photo Sensitive Epilepsy Information (PSE)

What is Photo Sensitive Epilepsy?

- Photo Sensitive Epilepsy is a form of epilepsy, a condition that can cause seizures
- These seizures are triggered by a variety of visual stimuli, including certain intensities, frequencies, and patterns of light

What are the PSE flags?

- When a film is scanned for possible screening issues, any visual sections that may affect epileptic individuals are flagged
- These are:
 - Extended Flashing
 - Red Flashing
 - Luma Flashing
 - PSE Artifacts (flashing or pattern)
 - Spatial Harmful Pattern

Why was my film flagged for PSE?

- Although each film is unique and no one answer can be provided, it is still valuable to review the time codes provided
- There are many causes of PSE flags, which may be as minor as a slight movement from a light source or a slight change in luminance
- Flagged issues may not be perceptible to the naked eye, but they can still trigger epileptic seizures

How does it affect my ability to screen at First Run?

- If your film was flagged, you **must** *either* remove the section of your film that triggered the flag, *or* agree to a warning card being placed ahead of your film
 - If you do not do either of these, your film will not screen at First Run
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