
On Set Intimacy Scene Best Practices

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- When there is nudity or simulated sex, an intimacy coordinator should be employed to oversee the prep and execution of the scene.
- Actors should not be asked to rehearse intimacy scenes without a third-party present, such as the producer or intimacy coordinator.
- Intimacy scenes should be rehearsed with the director and intimacy coordinator and given some blocking prior to filming.
- Actors should be encouraged to talk to one another about their physical boundaries during rehearsal.
- A closed set is enforced for all scenes of intimacy.
- All closed set scenes are marked as such on one-liners and on call sheets.
- A closed set memo should be distributed with the call sheet so that everyone is aware of and has access to closed set protocols.
- If anyone is to be added to the list of approved personnel to be on a closed set, the actors must be informed and give their consent.
- Actors performing nudity are provided with robes to wear between takes.
- Actors wait to disrobe until after the camera has slated.
- Once the director calls “cut” no one will be allowed to enter the set until the actors are robed and the 1st AD says the cue “covered.”
- The camera operator will turn the camera lens away from the actors or cover the lens once the director calls cut.
- Actors will be required to wear proper modesty garments during scenes involving simulated sex and there will be no genital contact between actors at any point.
- Actors will not be asked to perform sex acts.
- There will be no still photography that isn’t part of a scene during nudity or simulated sex scenes without the prior written consent of the performers.
- Behind the Scenes (BTS) crew and studio still photographers will not be present on a closed set.
- For intimate scenes that are being captured by still photography, no photos should be shared over platforms that connect to the internet or the cloud, such as DropBox or email. All photos should be uploaded manually to a designated

computer or hard drive in post-production and then deleted from the device used to capture the images.

- Minors (defined as anyone under the age of 18) cannot be present on set for scenes involving nudity or simulated sex.
- Minors cannot participate in nudity or simulated sex, but they can be doubled for nudity (but not simulated sex).
- If an actor is experiencing symptoms of HSV-1 or HSV-2 (Herpes Simplex Virus 1 or 2) on a day in which intimacy is scheduled to occur, the scene will be rescheduled to a time when the symptoms are no longer present, or the scene will be modified so that no health risk is posed to the actor's scene partner.
- Dailies for intimacy scenes should be put on a separate camera card and should be pulled off of the dailies viewing platform after one week.
- Access to dailies for intimacy scenes should be limited to only essential personnel.