

5. Adjust the Parental Control Ratings Settings, if desired.

To simply block individual channels, jump ahead to Step 6; you don't need this step.

This area lets you block shows based solely on their audience maturity level, regardless of their channel. Many shows include a voluntary ratings system in their show description. Table 7-1 explains the rating system and how it sorts shows based on appropriate audience, type of content, and (for movies) their theatrical rating.

TiVo reads each show's rating, and chooses whether to block it based on the settings you choose here, as shown in Figure 7-6.

TV Rating Limit: This lets you block TV programs based on their maturity level. Each press of the Up Arrow blocks more types of content, eventually blocking *all* shows. Each press of the Down Arrow reduces the number of blocked shows, eventually allowing all shows.

The maturity ratings for TV, as shown in Table 7-1, are voluntary, and they cover only content created expressly for television.

Movie Rating Limit: Designed for theatrical releases, this blocks movies by their theatrical ratings: G, PG, PG-13, R, NC-17, and AO (adults only).

Block by TV Content: TiVo can also filter shows by their *type* of content: Suggestive dialogue, Language, Sexual Content, Violence, and Fantasy Violence. TiVo lets you mix and match from any or all of these categories, using the same six ranges found in the TV Rating Limit.

Figure 7-6: TiVo's Parental Controls let you block out specific types of content from television shows or block out movies by their theater ratings.

