



What is Consent?

CONSENT IS COMMUNICATING “YES” CLEARLY AND WITHOUT QUESTION

Consent as a noun, according to Oxford Languages, means permission for something to happen or agreement to do something.

Consent is always an informed, affirmative, conscious decision by EVERY participant to engage in mutually agreed-upon sexual activity. When consent is ignored, it's sexual assault.

Consent *MUST* be ***VOLUNTARY***

- Consent must be given **WITHOUT** coercion, force, threats, or intimidation (in any form).
- Consent requires positive cooperation in a particular sexual act, or expression of intent to engage in that sexual act through the exercise of free will.
- Being intoxicated by drugs and/or alcohol does **NOT** diminish a person's responsibility to obtain consent from the other party before engaging in sexual activity.

There must always be ***MUTUAL*** and ***AFFIRMATIVE*** consent to engage in the sexual activity

- Lack of protest does not mean consent; silence does not mean consent.
- Consent to one form of sexual activity (or one sexual act) does **NOT** mean consent to other forms or occasions of sexual acts.
- The fact that two people are or were in a dating or sexual relationship does not mean consent to engage in sexual activity.

Consent can be *WITHDRAWN* or *REVOKED* at ANY time.



Consent **CANNOT** be given by a person who is incapacitated

- A person is considered incapacitated if they lack the physical and/or mental ability to make informed, rational judgements.
 - A person cannot give consent if they are unconscious or coming in and out of consciousness, are asleep, and/or are experiencing blackouts
 - A person with a medical or mental disability may lack the capacity to give consent.
 - A minor **CANNOT** give consent.