

CONSENT



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LEARNING INTENTIONS

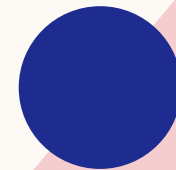
What is Consent?

Why is Consent Important?

How do you communicate Consent?

What happens if you do not give your Consent?

What can you do?



WHAT IS CONSENT?

- Consent is a freely given enthusiastic “yes”;
- Consent is ongoing, continuously discussed;
- Consent can be taken away at any time.

CONSENT IS..

Active



Just because they didn't say "No", doesn't mean you have consent. Only "Yes" means "Yes".

A Choice



Everyone has the right to feel free to say "Yes" or "No" without pressure, threats, or manipulation.

A Process



Consent requires ongoing conversations with lots of TRUST. Just because someone says "Yes" to one thing, doesn't mean they say "Yes" to ALL the things. Everyone has the right to change their mind at any point.

Based on Equal Power



If someone is under-age, drunk, asleep, unconscious or you occupy a position of power or authority over them, they cannot consent.

<https://www2.gov.bc.ca/gov/content/safe-campuses-bc/what-is-consent>

WHAT ISN'T CONSENT?

- When you are asked repeatedly until you give someone the answer they want to hear;
- When someone uses their power or authority to manipulate your answer;
- When you are intoxicated or incapacitated.

WHAT ISN'T CONSENT?

- It is not legally necessary to say “no”;
- The absence of “no” does not mean “yes”;
- The onus is on the initiator to seek “Communicated Consent”

CONSENT IS NOT..

Assumed



Being in a relationship or having a sexual history with someone does not imply consent. Communicating about consent is always necessary.

Pressured



If you have to convince someone to say "Yes" OR if they are afraid to say "No", then you don't have consent.

Silent



The absence of "No" is not a "Yes". Pay attention to your partner's body language and non-verbal cues.

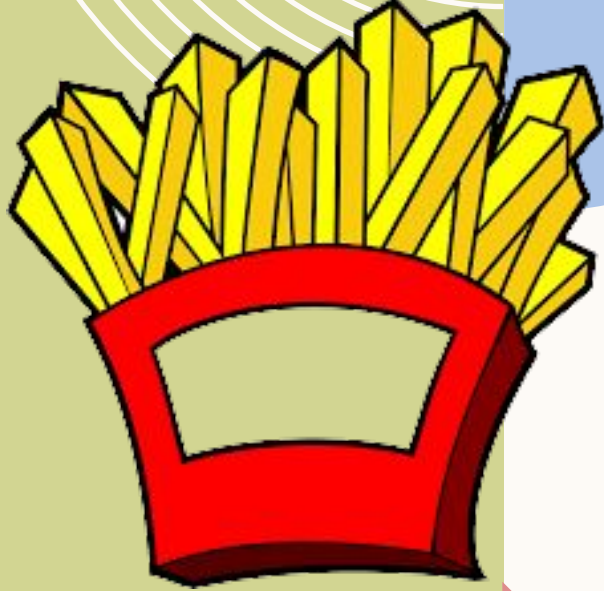
Incapacitated



You can't get consent from someone who is asleep, unconscious or incapacitated.

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Key Consent Principles:



F – Freely Given.

Decisions about sexual activities should be made without pressure, force, intimidation, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol.

R – Reversible.

Even if you have agreed to do something, you can change your mind, even during sex. Consent is ongoing and not a one-time thing.

I – Informed.

Consent includes honesty, such as using protection if you have agreed to do it.

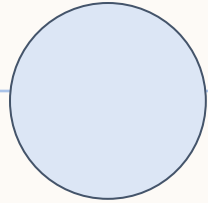
E – Enthusiastic.

Consent should be enthusiastic and stated using a verbal yes; your partner shouldn't look or sound unhappy about doing something.

S – Specific.

Your partner agreeing to do one thing does not mean they have consented to other things, you need to check with your partner before going further.

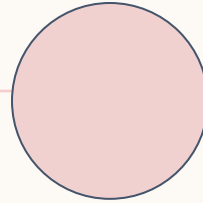
Things you may not know...



Age of Consent

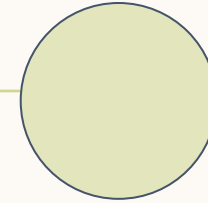
→ In Canada, the age of consent is 16, with exceptions for younger people if they are close in age to each other.

(<https://www.justice.gc.ca/eng/rp-pr/other-autre/clp/faq.html>)



Positions of Trust

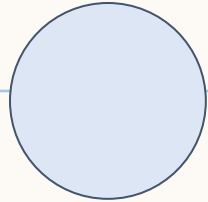
→ Consent can never be given, even by adults, if the person is in a position of trust or authority. For students, this would include a teacher or a coach.



Position of Authority

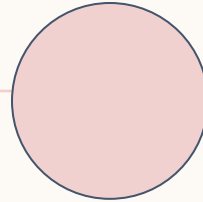
→ Under the age of 18, consent can never be given if the person is in a position of authority (e.g., a teacher or coach) or if the sexual activity is exploitative (e.g., pornography or prostitution)

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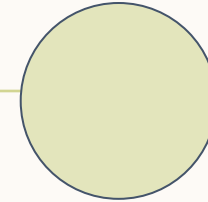
Sexual Assault

→ Sex without explicit consent is Sexual Assault and can be charged under the criminal Code.



Sexual Harassment

→ Sexual harassment refers to unwanted or unwelcome behaviour of a sexual nature. This includes sending sexual images/videos.



Games...

→ power dynamics within peer groups mean that people who are being bullied would rather put up with abuse than be seen as having "tattled" on someone.

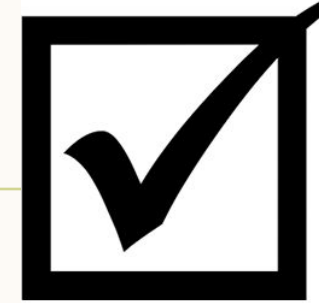
What to do...



Anyone who is being touched in an inappropriate manner is allowed to do whatever they need to do to get away.



Violence like this is usually not okay, but if it's a matter of protecting yourself, it is allowed and encouraged.



Students will never be in trouble for protecting themselves from unsafe touch. The person doing or trying to do the touching is always in the wrong.

CONSENT

IT'S SIMPLE AS TEA

THANK YOU



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