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Consent *Defined*

What is consent?

Consent is defined in the Sexual Offences Act 2017 as:

“A person consents to a sexual act if he or she freely and voluntarily agrees to engage in that act.”



Consent is an
affirmative
“Yes”

It's enthusiastic
because the person
really wants to do
the act!



“No” can be difficult for people to say.

But the absence of a “No” is NEVER a “Yes”.

You can never assume consent.

Try asking:

Are you sure?

Is this ok?

Do you want me to carry on?

A drunk “Yes” is not the same as a sober “Yes”

Consent needs to be CLEAR & COHERENT, and free from the influence of alcohol and drugs.



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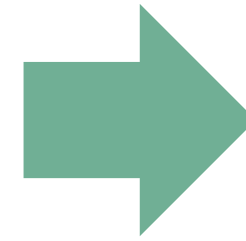
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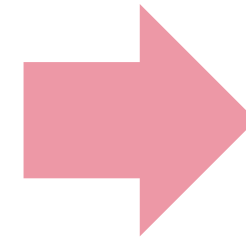
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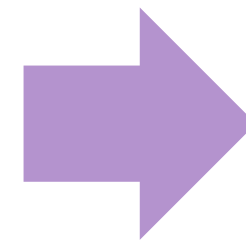
Freely-given



It is *never* **forced or pressured.**



It's *not* obtained through **manipulation, violence or threat.**



Ensure you **GIVE** and **GET** consent without any type of **coercion.**

Consent is ongoing and retractable

You can change your mind at *ANY* time before an act begins, or while an act is taking place.

Consent can be revoked at *ANY* time and this must be respected.





Consent is informed and mutual

There needs to be clear agreement and understanding by *both* individuals about what is being asked for and consented to.

Consent for one sexual act *does not* mean consent for another.

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