



# What is Consent?

YES means YES.

## Consent IS:

**Informed and Reciprocal.** Each party must demonstrate a clear and mutual understanding of what is happening.

**Freely and Actively Given.** Not obtained through use of force, threats, or taking advantage of another's intoxication.

**Definite.** It may be withdrawn at any time.

**Limited.** Consent to one form of contact does not mean consent to all forms.

## Consent IS NOT:

**Expected or Assumed.** Being in a relationship does not mean consent has been given.

**Silent.** The absence of a response or a "no" does not mean consent has been given.

**Automatic.** Having sex on a previous occasion does not mean consent has been given for the next occasion.

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