

WHAT IS SEXUAL CONSENT?

POSITIVE

- Showing in words and actions that you **freely** agree to participate in a sexual activity.
- Needs an **enthusiastic** YES, it must be **loud** and **clear**.

ONGOING


- **Continuing** to give permission throughout the sexual encounter. You can withdraw your consent at any time.
- Consent is asking **every time** - an ongoing process of **giving** and **getting** permission.



INFORMED



- Consent must be given by someone who is **willing** and **coherent**.
- Consent must be **informed**. It is knowing the risks and benefits and choosing to proceed.
- Consent is **wanting** to do something, not feeling like you have to or should do it.


WHAT CONSENT ISN'T

 Consent is NEVER implied. The absence of a **NO** is not a **YES**.


 Saying yes on one occasion doesn't mean someone has said yes every time.

 People under the influence of drugs or alcohol, people who are asleep, or in another vulnerable position, cannot consent. 

 Saying yes to one act doesn't mean someone has said yes to others. If the conditions of the act change, consent is no longer valid. 

 Someone in an unbalanced power situation cannot consent and cannot be coerced.

 Silence is NOT consent. 

 Consent cannot be obtained through psychological or emotional manipulation, physical violence, or threat.

PUTTING IT IN PERSPECTIVE

1 in 4 North American women will experience **SEXUALLY ASSAULT** during their lifetime¹
➤ **80%** of those cases will be perpetrated by someone they know

1 in 2 **TRANSGENDER PEOPLE** are sexually abused or assaulted²

Almost all Canadians agree that sexual activity between partners should be consensual but **67%** **DON'T UNDERSTAND** what consent means³

In 2016 **15.5%** of **QUEEN'S STUDENTS** reported experiencing sexual touching without their consent⁴