

What is Consent?

Consent is a knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among all participants to engage in sexual activity. In a healthy sexual relationship, all partners are able to talk openly about what activities they are comfortable with and each partner respects those boundaries.

Sex without consent is sexual assault

Assault includes forced sexual intercourse and/or touching a person's body without their consent.

CONSENT IS



Clear

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The Initiator's Responsibility

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Not Coerced

Everyone agrees without any pressure, coercion, intimidation, force, or threat from harm.



Able to Be Withdrawn

Someone can change their mind at any point. No reason or explanation is required.



Active

Consent is never assumed. Even if you are in a relationship, have hooked up before, or consented to another activity. Silence or lack of resistance is not consent.



Not Possible if Incapacitated

That means when someone cannot knowingly choose to participate. For example, if someone is too drunk or high, asleep, or unconscious, then they cannot consent.

Sex should be something that you participate in, not something that happens to you.

If you or someone you know has experienced a sexual assault, you are not alone.

Resources are available.

Purdue CARE | purdue.edu/odos/care

Rape, Abuse & Incest National Network (RAINN) | rainn.org

National Sexual Assault Hotline | 800-656-4673

Love Is Respect | loveisrespect.org