

WHAT IS CONSENT?



CLEAR • ACTIVE • WILLING • COHERENT

Clear Words or Actions



Voluntary, willing, active communication
The absence of a "no" is NOT a "yes"

Can't be Inferred




from clothes, drinking, dancing, accepting a gift or date, a prior relationship, or agreement to go to a private spot like a bedroom

Willing



NOT from threat of harm, coercion, intimidation, or by use or threat of force

Everyone is 17+ years old



Silence is not Consent

The Initiator is Responsible



the person who starts the act must get consent

Consent can be Modified or Withdrawn



any time through clearly understandable words or actions

Is for a Specific Sexual Activity



Get consent at every step (holding hands, kissing, touching, etc.)

Coherent



Does everyone know the who, what, where, and why of what is happening? If the initiator were a reasonable, sober person in the same circumstances, what should they have understood?

Doesn't Change

based on sex, gender, or sexual orientation



AN ENTHUSIASTIC VERBAL "YES" IS BEST

HEALTHY RELATIONSHIP DECISIONMAKING

Before kissing, touching, or having sex, ask...

What
do I
want?

- ☐ How do I **feel** about kissing, touching, or other intimate activity with a partner?
- ☐ What **kinds of things** am I comfortable or uncomfortable with?
- ☐ **When** do I think it would be right for me?
- ☐ Under **what conditions** would I be comfortable?
- ☐ What **kind of person** would I be comfortable with?

- ☐ How does my **partner feel**?
- ☐ How do **their feelings fit** with mine?
- ☐ Am I **comfortable with initiating** touching or kissing?
- ☐ How do I feel about the **other person initiating**?
- ☐ Is there any chance I am **pressuring my partner**?
- ☐ Could my partner be **pressuring me**?
- ☐ Could **someone else be pressuring** me or my partner (like friends)?

What do
we want
together?

- ☐ Do I **trust my partner**? Completely?
- ☐ **Can I be vulnerable** with my partner, like tell them what I'm afraid of?
- ☐ What do I **expect it to be like**?
- ☐ What do I **expect to happen after**?
- ☐ What does my **partner expect** it to be like? To happen after?
- ☐ What if I **don't like** it? What if my partner doesn't like it?
- ☐ How can we make the experience **safe and comfortable** for both of us?

What
does my
partner
want?