

Consent and the law statements

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1. You need consent every time you have sex, even in a relationship and even if the person has said 'yes' before.

2. Even if you have said 'yes' to something sexual before, you can decide not to do it again.

3. A person can say 'Yes' to sex or they might say "that feels good" or "I really want to do this". They can also do things that show they are happy, for example they can pull you closer, look directly into your eyes, smile, touch you back.

4. If a person is pressured into saying yes, this is not real consent. It is not consent if you bother or harass or make someone feel bad if they say 'no'.

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5. If the person you're with does not consent, or changes their mind, you might feel disappointment, but you do not have the right to make them feel bad or try to persuade them to do something they don't want to.

6. You need to check that someone is happy to keep having sex. You can ask questions to check like "Are you okay?" "Is this okay?" "Do you want to stop?"

7. When you do anything sexual you need to pay attention to the other person. If you think your partner is not sure or unhappy, or that they want to stop, then you must stop. They don't have to say 'no' or 'stop'. They can say what they feel with their body or actions.

8. You can change your mind when you are doing something sexual. It is never too late to change your mind, or to say 'no', or to stop.

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9. A person cannot consent to sex if they are incapable of doing so because of alcohol or drugs, or if they are asleep or unconscious.

10. Any sexual activity without consent is sexual assault or rape.