



## **REGARDING CONSENT...**

Consent is defined as a

**“VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO ENGAGE IN SEXUAL  
ACTIVITY”**

SITUATIONS WHERE THERE IS NO CONSENT

Complainant was incapable of consenting

Complainant said “no” either in words or through her behavior.

Complainant changed her mind.

Someone other than the complainant gave consent for her.

### **UNACCEPTABLE DEFENSES FOR NOT GAINING CONSENT**

Accused too intoxicated.

Accused believed that she was consenting.

**IT IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY TO TAKE REASONABLE STEPS TO  
ENSURE THAT CONSENT IS PRESENT BEFORE ENGAGING in  
SEXUAL ACTIVITY.**

The information on this page reflects changes in the law as cited in ‘Teen Date Rape’, a project  
the Community Health Education Action committee in Vernon, British Columbia

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**How do you know if you have consent?**

Directions: One person from each group reads the questions aloud. Go through each question **slowly** and **carefully**. Circle the group's answer to each question. Jot down notes if you want. When you get to the last question, you must come up with a definition of consent that every person in the group agrees with.

1. Do you think that a woman has given consent for sexual intercourse if she says nothing but pushes the man away with her hands?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES NO**
2. Is there consent if the woman is smiling while she is saying "No"?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES NO**
3. Is there consent if the woman is too intoxicated to say anything?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES NO**
4. Is there consent if a woman has been drinking a lot and says she wants to have sex?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES NO**
5. Is there consent if both people have been drinking a lot?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES NO**
6. Is there consent if at first a woman says "I'm not sure about this," But then is silent?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES NO**
7. Is there consent if a woman says nothing at all?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES NO**
8. Is there consent if at first a woman says she wants to, but then changes her mind?  
\_\_\_\_\_ **YES NO**
9. Define consent. (Be specific. How could a judge know that consent was given?)  
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