

Useful Vocabulary:

Autonomy - The right each person has to decide what happens to one's own body, mind, and spirit.

Coercion - The practice of persuading someone to do something by using force or threats.

Duress – Use of threats, violence, constraints, or other action brought to bear on someone to do something against their will or better judgment.

Explicit - Stated clearly and in detail, leaving no room for confusion or doubt.

Implicit - Implied though not plainly expressed.

Revoke - Put an end to the validity or operation of (a decree, decision, or promise).

Voluntary - Done, given, or acting of one's own free will.

CONSENT IS
~~SEXY~~
MANDATORY

For an excellent video on consent, see
"Tea and Consent" by Thames Valley Police on YouTube.

"Consent Is" section found at
The Consent Academy (www.consent.academy)



Traverse Area
Community of Kinksters

What is Consent?

Consent is:

Consent is a voluntary agreement, made without coercion, between persons with decision-making capacity, knowledge, understanding, and autonomy.

Consent applies to all forms of interaction. It creates a space where the safety and agency of all parties is honored by using healthy communication and negotiation to craft informed boundaries.

- It is a part of everyday life, present in all forms of human interaction, not just sex.

Consent, explicit and implicit, is dependent on the capacity of the parties involved, the context of the situation, and *can be revoked at any time*. It is a process of constant and collaborative discovery.

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Consent is (cont.):

Consent allows someone to ask for something and receive an honest and authentic answer. It exists where:

- The person answering has enough capacity, information, agency, and ability to give an honest and authentic answer without coercion or undue influence.
- The person asking has enough capacity, information, agency, and ability to receive an answer without creating a coercive environment.

Consent is also a way of life, centered around the belief that everyone has the right to give an honest and authentic answer to what they choose to do and a responsibility to accept the answers given by others.

Honoring autonomy is a defining feature of consent.

Consent CANNOT Be Given If Someone Is:

- Underage 
- Under Duress or Coerced
- Uninformed 
- Misinformed
- Disoriented 
- Asleep/Unconscious 
- Cognitively Impaired
 - Including if it is because they voluntarily consumed alcohol or drugs.



Consent cannot be given after the fact.