

## Consent Definition

### Key Words:

- Voluntary
- Ongoing
- Active
- Conscious
- Mutual
- Clear
- Explicit
- Agreement
- Freely/willingly
- Unimpaired
- Choice
- Direct

### Common Themes:

- Responsibility of individual initiating the sexual act to receive consent
- Can not be given in advance
- Listing things that are not consent (ex. The person is unconscious, obtained through the abuse of power, trust or authority)
- Silence does not equal consent
- \*separate definition of legal age of consent
- Consent can be withdrawn
- Never assumed or implied
- Listing ways consent can not be received (ex. Through threats, coercion, pressure)

### Important/Strong Aspects

- Consent can not be giving by another person on behalf of someone
- The consumption of alcohol or drugs is not an excuse for not receiving consent
- Can be withdrawn at any time
- What consent is not and how it can not be obtained

## Consent Section- Shorter Definitions of Consent when this is included

### Key Words:

- Freely
- Ongoing
- Voluntary

### Common Themes:

- Words or actions indicating a freely given agreement
- Legal age of consent
- Responsibility of initiator to receive consent
- Outline what consent isn't and how it can not be obtained (ex. Consent isn't silence, can't be obtained through coercion)
- All acts without consent constitute sexual violence and are in violation of the policy
- Complex relationship between consent and power, specifically in relation to a University community setting

Important/Strong Aspects:

- Can be withdrawn at anytime
- Sexual violence anytime consent is not received
- What consent is not and how it can not be obtained
- Legal age of consent- important when discussing age of consent to an authority figure or person of power