

Affirmative Consent

Affirmative Consent: a knowing, voluntary, mutual decision to engage in sexual activity.

Consent can be words or actions, as long as it creates clear permission.

Silence or lack of resistance, in and of itself, does not demonstrate **Consent**.

Consent may be withdrawn at any time.

When **Consent** is withdrawn or can no longer be given, sexual activity must stop.

Consent cannot be given when a person is incapacitated. Incapacitation = lack of consciousness, being asleep, involuntarily restrained, intoxicated such that one cannot knowingly choose to participate in sexual activity, or if a person otherwise cannot **Consent**.

Consent to any sexual act or prior consensual sexual activity does not necessarily constitute **Consent** to any other sexual act.

Consent is required regardless of whether the person initiating the act is under the influence of drugs and/or alcohol.

The definition of **Consent** does not vary based upon a participant's sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression.

Yes Means Yes!

For a full definition of **Affirmative Consent**, go to: troopers.ny.gov/enoughisenough

