

# CONSENT

is NOT

ambiguous

Consent need not be verbal, but verbal communication is the most reliable and effective way to seek, assess, and obtain consent.

forever

Consent on a prior occasion does not constitute consent on a subsequent occasion and the existence of a romantic or sexual relationship does not, in and of itself, constitute consent.

forced

Consent cannot be obtained by threat of harm, coercion, intimidation, or force.

the absence of no

Silence, passivity, submission, and/or lack of resistance do not, in and of themselves, constitute consent.

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discriminatory

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

Consent cannot be obtained from someone who is asleep or otherwise mentally or physically incapacitated, whether due to alcohol, drugs, or some other condition.