

## CLEAR

Consent is active.

It's expressed through words or actions that create mutually understandable permission.

Consent is never implied, and the absence of a no is not a yes.

Silence is not consent.

"I'm not sure," "I don't know," "Maybe" and similar phrases are NOT consent.

## COHERENT

People incapacitated by drugs or alcohol cannot consent.

Someone who cannot make rational, reasonable decisions because he or she lacks the capacity to understand the "who, what, when, where, why or how" of the situation cannot consent.

People who are asleep or in a vulnerable position cannot give consent.

## WILLING

Consent is never given under pressure.

Consent is not obtained through psychological or emotional manipulation.

Consent cannot be obtained through physical violence or threats.

Someone in an unbalanced power situation (i.e., someone under your authority) cannot give consent.

## ONGOING

Consent must be given every time.

Consent must be given at each step of physical intimacy. If someone consents to one sexual activity, he or she may or may not be willing to go further.

Consent to previous sexual activity between the parties does not mean consent is given for present sexual activity.