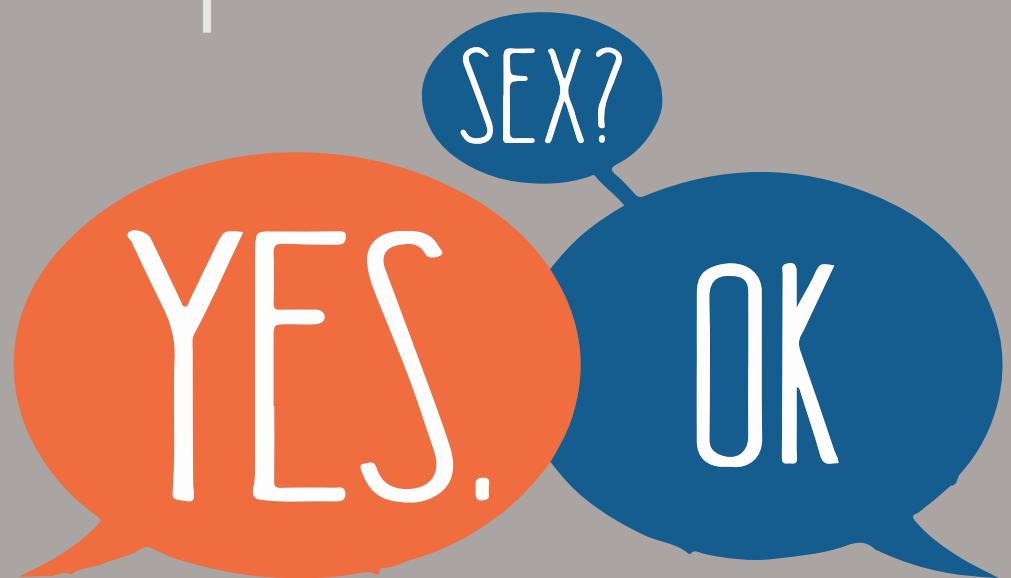


AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT MEANS CLEAR WORDS OR ACTIONS THAT SHOW A KNOWING AND VOLUNTARY AGREEMENT TO ENGAGE IN MUTUALLY AGREED-UPON SEXUAL ACTIVITY.

WHAT IS AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT?

*Affirmative consent is the presence of a **yes**, not the absence of a **no**.*



AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT:

REQUIRES COMMUNICATION

WORDS OR ACTIONS MUST BE USED TO ESTABLISH CONSENT.

HAPPENS ONE STEP AT A TIME - EVERY TIME

JUST BECAUSE YOUR PARTNER AGREES TO ONE THING, THAT DOES NOT MEAN THEY AGREE TO EVERYTHING. ORAL SEX DOES NOT GIVE CONSENT FOR INTERCOURSE AND VICE VERSA. ALSO, JUST BECAUSE YOU HAVE HOOKED UP ONE TIME, IT DOES NOT GIVE PERMISSION FOR EVERY OTHER TIME - EVEN IF YOU ARE IN A RELATIONSHIP, EVEN IF IT HAS HAPPENED MANY TIMES BEFORE.

MUST ENTAIL AN UNINFLUENCED YES

CONSENT CANNOT BE ESTABLISHED IF ONE PERSON IS PRESSURING THE OTHER. THIS CAN BE PHYSICAL OR EMOTIONAL.

IS FREE TO BE TAKEN BACK AT ANY TIME

AT ANY POINT DURING A SEXUAL ENCOUNTER EACH PARTNER SHOULD FEEL FREE TO CHANGE HIS OR HER MIND AND THE OTHER PARTNER MUST RESPECT THAT PERSON'S DECISION.

WANT TO TALK OR LEARN MORE?

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MAXINE PLATZER LYNN WOMEN'S CENTER - UNIVERSITY AVE
DEAN OF STUDENTS OFFICE - PEABODY HALL
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³ Sokolow, Brett A., Lewis, W. Scott, Schuster, Sandra K., NCHERM Institute on Responding to Campus Sexual Misconduct. 2010, p. 49

¹ <http://www.virginia.edu/sexualviolence/sexualassault>

² See Va. Code §18.2-63 for the age of consent under Virginia law: <http://leg1.state.va.us/000/cod/18.2-63.htm>