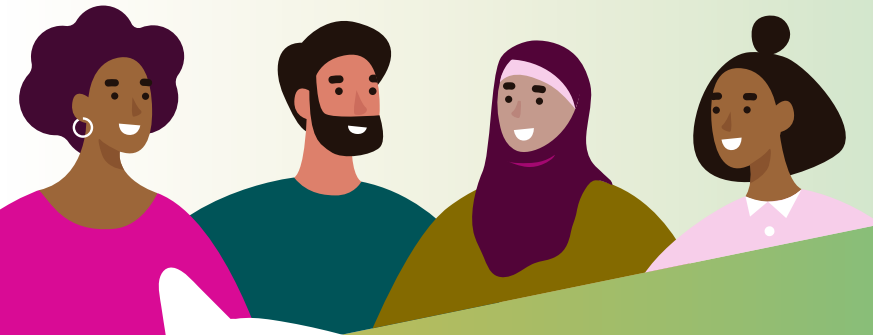


# Don't assume.

# #GETCONSENT



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## ✔ WHAT IS CONSENT?

**Consent** is a voluntary agreement to engage in specific sexual activity or behaviour requiring that a person is able to freely articulate a choice, which includes the possibility of refusal.

In other words, it is a freely given and clearly communicated “yes.”

## There cannot be consent if:

- ✘ A person does not communicate “yes,” or communicates or implies “no” through their words, body language, and/or behaviour.
- ✘ A person is asleep, unconscious, incapacitated, unable to communicate, or otherwise unable to consent.
- ✘ A person is impaired by alcohol and/or drugs.



Failing to receive consent before engaging in specific sexual activity or behaviour is a criminal offence in Canada.

**Consent is voluntary:** Consent must be freely given and there is no consent if a person is pressured, manipulated, threatened, intimidated or otherwise coerced into saying “yes” or if a “yes” is obtained when there is an abuse of power, trust or authority.

**Consent is affirmative:** Only yes means yes!

**Consent is person-specific:** There is no consent if someone else says “yes.” No one can consent on someone else’s behalf, including a spouse or a parent.

