

## THE MOST IMPORTANT THINGS ABOUT SEX

### The freedom to say yes!

- Partners agree to it
- Everyone involved is enthusiastic, willing, ready and able
- One person isn't forcing another
- Everyone is sober and no one is tricked or threatened.

Whenever you have sex, you need to make sure that your partner is enthusiastic about sex. Always make sure that your partner is comfortable with what's going on and that they are happy to move forward.



## WHERE TO GET HELP & MORE INFORMATION?

### Metro:

SARC-Sexual Assault Resource

Centre, Subiaco.

Freecall

1800 199 888

24hr Emergency

(08) 9431 2149

Fiona Stanley Hospital,

Fremantle Sexual Health.

(08) 9431 2149

Sexual & Reproductive Health WA, Northbridge.

[www.srnwa.com.au](http://www.srnwa.com.au)

Regional

1800 198 205

Metro

(08) 9227 6178

Derbarl Yerrigan (Aboriginal Health

Service) East Perth

(08) 9421 3888

Perth Medical Centre,

Hay Street Perth

(08) 9481 4342

### Regional:

Carnarvon Population Health

(08) 9941 0560

Geraldton Midwest Public

Health Unit

(08) 9956 1950

Kalgoorlie/Boulder Goldfields

Population Health

(08) 9080 8200

South Hedland Pilbara

Population Health

(08) 9140 2377

For more information on safer sex see:

[www.safesexnoregrets.com.au](http://www.safesexnoregrets.com.au)

[www.headspace.org.au](http://www.headspace.org.au)

[www.getthefacts.health.wa.gov.au](http://www.getthefacts.health.wa.gov.au)

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# WHAT IS CONSENT?

Consent is when both partners enthusiastically agree to a sexual act.  
The only way to know for sure if someone has given consent is if they tell you.

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Consent is the cornerstone of any respectful relationship.

In order to have a positive attitude towards consent, you need:

- The belief in your right to decide
- The ability to communicate and implement your decision
- The maturity to understand what the sexual activity involves and the possible consequences
- Being in a relationship where your decision is recognised and respected

**ALWAYS ASK BEFORE TOUCHING.**

**SAY SOMETHING LIKE:**

**CAN I KISS YOU?**

**CAN I TOUCH YOU?**

**CAN I TAKE THIS OFF?**

**ASKING NOT ONLY RESPECTS YOUR PARTNER, BUT CAN BE SUPER SEXY AND ROMANTIC TOO!**

If both partners do not enthusiastically consent to any sexual activity (including kissing and touching) a crime may be committed.

Being pressured or coerced into sexual activity is not only illegal, but can also cause lasting emotional damage.

Signs your partner may not be into an activity include:

- Not responding to touching
- Turning their face away
- Stiffening muscles
- Pushing you away
- Crossing their arms across their body
- Silence

If your partners does not enthusiastically consent or exhibits any of the above behaviours, you need to stop and talk to them. Trying to convince them to continue after they've said no is coercion. Give them some space and respect their decision.

**WHAT TO SAY IF YOU'RE NOT COMFORTABLE:**

If things are happening faster than you would like, try saying:

- I don't want to go any further than kissing, hugging, touching.
- Can we stay like this for while?
- Can we slow down?

**IF YOU WANT TO STOP, SAY:**

- No
- I want to stop

If the other person is not listening to you and continues when you don't want to, try excusing yourself:

- I need to go to the toilet
- I feel sick

**EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO SAY NO AND STOP AT ANY TIME.**

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