

WHAT IS **SEXUAL CONSENT?**

It is the responsibility of both people involved in a sexual act to make sure that consent is given verbally before (and during) sex. No assumptions can be made that there is consent based on the circumstances surrounding the act. Consent is not a one-time agreement. Any person has the right to withdraw their consent at any time during sex.

This year in October, the Pretoria High Court found that a rape accused no longer has the right to assume consent, or to say that they thought there was consent when it turns out that there wasn't.

If you want to touch, fondle, kiss, masturbate each other, or have any other kind of sexual contact, you must always ask if it is OK.

STOP

- "No" means "No"
- Silence is not consent
- Drunk, tipsy or high people cannot give consent

THINK

- Have you asked for consent?
- Are they clearly saying yes?
- Are you both sober?

GO

- Both people are enthusiastic
- Clear, verbal consent is being given
- Everyone is sober and aware



REMEMBER

- Consent is clear, verbal & continuous.
- Pressuring is not permission.
- Consent must be obvious, verbal and voluntary.
- If it is not a clear "Yes," it is a "NO!"
- Silence is not consent – sometimes, people freeze in fear.

YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

You must ensure verbal consent before any sexual activity. Being in a room doesn't mean consent.

RESPECT OTHERS

Fear or silence doesn't mean consent. Protect the dignity of others.

PROTECT YOURSELF

Without clear consent, you could face criminal charges. Mistaken belief is not a defence in court.