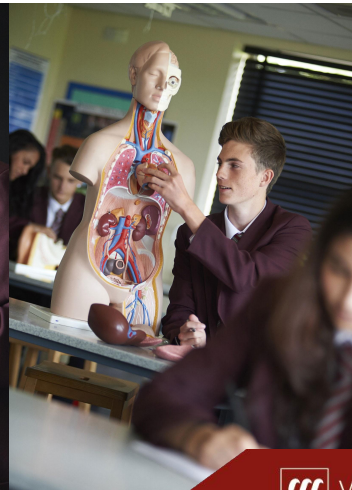




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Consent





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- **A person must have the freedom and capacity to make their own decision to consent to engage in sexual activity; therefore all points are relevant to describe sexual consent.**



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What is the age of sexual consent in the UK?

- 12
- 15
- 16
- 18



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- **The age of consent to any form of sexual activity in the UK is 16 for both men and women**
- Under 13's cannot give consent even if they say yes - There are specific laws in place to protect children under the age of 13 who cannot legally give their consent to any kind of sexual activity.
- A person U18 cannot consent to sex if it is with a person who has a duty of care or is in a position of authority or trust, such as a teacher, doctor or lecturer.



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- Touching a person in an intimate place without their consent
- Having sex with a person who is drunk but has consented
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Which of the acts below are sexual offences?

- A 15 year old having sex with a 12 year old who has consented - **A 13 year old cannot lawfully consent**
- Touching a person in an intimate place without their consent - **Any sexual activity without a person's consent is an offence – this example amounts to sexual assault**
- Having sex with a person who is drunk but has consented - **If a person is drunk, their capacity to give consent may be affected; their understanding of what they have consented to is likely to be distorted; this is risky and may lead to a report of an offence.**



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Which of the acts below are sexual offences?

- A person agrees to sex to avoid circulation of photographs on social media sites - **This is an example of threatening, or manipulating someone to engage in sex ; taking away a person's freedom to choose to consent to sex**

Can a person can change their mind anytime before/ during sexual activity?



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- **A person can change their mind at any point, and this decision should be respected; continuing without the person's consent is an offence.**



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What factors can affect a person's capacity (ability) to consent?

- Age
- Mental disorder
- Alcohol
- Drugs
- All of the above



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What factors can affect a person's capacity (ability) to consent?

- All answers have an affect on a person's capacity to given consent; the law recognises that a person might not have sufficient capacity because of their age or because of a mental disorder. The amount someone has had to drink or the drugs they have taken can also affect their ability to consent.

Engaging in sexual activity with a person whose capacity is affected is risky and can lead to an offence



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If a person says nothing, has consent been given?

- **Silence does NOT = consent**
- A person may be silent through fear, capacity or inability to confront or address the situation; unless a clear 'yes' is given by someone who has the freedom and capacity to consent, then consent has not been given



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What factors can affect a person's freedom to give consent?

- Being threatened
- Being forced
- Being manipulated/exploited/intimidated
- **All of the above**



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A person can still be convicted of rape or sexual assault by being present or participating in the assault in some other way.

You can be held accountable for being present or participating in a rape or sexual assault as an accessory to the crime; preventing it from happening or causing it to happen is as serious as committing it.



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Reducing the risk of being a victim or offender

- Don't get drunk – stay under your limit
- Don't take drugs – stay in control
- Accept that no means no
- If consent isn't clear, ask
- Avoid sex with a person who's drunk
- Never pressure or threaten a person to have sex
- Avoid sex with a person underage