CONSENT

Consent is simply the communication of sexual permission.

CLEAR

"No" Means No Consent
Consent can be given by words or actions as long as they create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in sexual activity.

KNOWING

Incapacitation Means No Consent
Incapacitation is when individuals cannot make rational lack the capacity to give knowing consent. Incapacity does not automatically mean impaired, drunk, intoxicated, or under the influence.

VOLUNTARY

Coercion to "Yes" Means No Consent
A coerced yes is not consent. Coercion is an unreasonable amount of pressure for sexual access. Isolation, frequency, intensity, and duration are factors considered when evaluating coercion.

ENTHUSIASTIC

No Activity / Lack of Affirmative or Consent
Silence or lack of resistance alone is not consent. Clear words or actions of permission must be exchanged before each sexual or intimate act occurs. A lack of a verbal "No" does not mean "Yes."

CONTINUOUS

A "Yes" in the Past ≠ Consent Today
Consent must be ongoing and can be withdrawn at any time so long as it is clearly communicated. Sexual activity must stop once it is understood that consent is not present.
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