



# SEX AND THE LAW

## SEX IS MORE THAN PENETRATION IT INCLUDES...

- Sexual penetration – including penetrating a vagina, anus or mouth with a penis, another part of the body or an object;
- Touching a person in a sexual way, like touching another person's vagina, penis, bottom or breasts.

## AGE OF CONSENT IS SIXTEEN

- If you are below 16 years old it is illegal to have sex even if you both consent;
- Above 16 years old it is not against the law to have sex but only if you both consent
- It is always against the law to have sex with a relative, teacher, counsellor or carer.

## SAFE SEX

It is important to practice safe sex. Safe sex is the use of condoms, lube, oral contraception (the pill) or IUD to prevent unplanned pregnancy, PrEP Antiretroviral for people at risk of getting HIV (young men especially).

## A PERSON HAS NOT GIVEN THEIR CONSENT IF THEY...

- Are under the 16 years old;
- Do not say yes;
- Say NO verbally or with body language
- Have been drinking or taken drugs

Consent to sex must be clear, active and ongoing by both or all parties to the sexual activity.

A person can change their mind before or during the sexual activity and you must stop, they are no longer consenting.

A person can say yes to one type of sexual activity, but not to another type of sexual activity.

## SEX CAN LEAD TO...

If a person does not consent you can be charged with rape or sexual assault.

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