

Age of Sexual Consent Law in Canada

Sexual Consent

- When it comes to sexual consent, only yes means yes.
- No matter what age, it is against the law for someone to force any form of sexual activity on someone else without consent. This is considered sexual assault and it includes kissing sexual intercourse, or any other unwanted sexual touching.
- Pressuring someone to change their no into a yes is sexual coercion. This is a form of sexual violence.
- When someone is using drugs or alcohol they cannot consent to sex.

It is also a crime if someone forces another person to agree to have sex by using:

- Physical force
- Threats
- Lies or misleading information

Age of Consent

Persons 11 years of age or under cannot provide consent to any sexual activity.

Persons 12 or 13 years of age can provide consent to sex with anyone who is:

- Up to 2 years older than they are
- Not in a position of trust or authority over them

Persons 14 or 15 years of age can provide consent to sex with anyone who is:

- Up to 5 years older than they are
- Not in a position of trust or authority over them

Persons 16 or 17 years of age can provide consent to sex with anyone who:

- Is not in a position of trust or authority over them
- They are not dependent on them
- Is not exploiting them

Persons 18 years or older can provide consent without restriction.

Position of Trust or Authority

A position of trust or authority may include:

- Babysitter
- Minister
- Employer
- Teacher
- Coach
- Doctor
- Probation officer
- Police officer

Sexual Assault Support

- If you've experienced a sexual assault, it was **not** your fault.
- The Klinik Sexual Assault Crisis Line is free and available 24/7:
 - In Winnipeg: 204-786-8631
 - Toll-Free in Manitoba: 1-888-292-7565

Where can I get more information?

- From the Facts of Life (SERC): E-mail your questions to thefactsoflife@serc.mb.ca.
- From a Teen Clinic if you are 21 or younger
- Online at www.serc.mb.ca or our youth website, www.teentalk.ca