

Canadian Laws of Consent

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What is consent?



Permission for something to happen
or agreement to do something

What does the law see as consent?

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There's no consent if...



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If someone is too young to give consent in that situation

If someone is asleep or unconscious.

If someone feels afraid that something bad will happen if they say no.

If a person in a position of power has convinced someone to say yes

If someone is silent and still. There's legal consent only if you're doing or saying something to show clearly that you agree to what's happening.

If a person is inhibited by intoxication.

**Do you know what the
legal age of consent is
in Canada?**

Other person's age

Age of
Consent in
Canada

16

Your age

	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
12	✓	✓	▲	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
13	✓	✓	✓	▲	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗	✗
14	▲	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	✗	✗
15	✗	▲	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	▲	✗
16	✗	✗	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

12-13

You can consent with someone less than 2 years older than you.

14-15

You can consent with someone less than 5 years older than you.

under
18

It's not legal for someone over 16 to have sexual contact with someone under 18 when there's a relationship of authority, trust, or dependency.

- ✓ You can give consent
- ✗ No legal consent possible
- ▲ Depends on your birthdays

UNDER 12

It's against the law for anyone to have sexual contact with you, even if you agree to it.

AGE 12

You can consent to sexual activity with someone who's less than two years older than you

AGE 13

You can consent to sexual activity with someone who's less than two years older than you.

AGE 14

You can consent to sexual activity with someone who's less than five years older than you.

AGE 15

You can consent to sexual activity with someone who's less than five years older than you.

AGE 16

You've reached the age of consent. This means that you can give consent to sexual activity even if the other person is much older than you. There's no restriction on how much older they can be.

UNDER AGE 18

It's against the law for anyone in a position of trust or power over you to have sexual contact with you, even if you say you agree. People in positions of power over you are people you would normally depend on or trust. Some examples are a teacher, coach, family member, or doctor.

How can you tell if someone is under the influence of drugs or alcohol?

- Slurring
- Wobbling
- Delayed reaction
- Slow/Fast speech
- Reckless choices
- Out of character
- Smell like it
- If you saw them drink/smoke
- Asleep/Falling asleep
- Giggling/crying



Resources

www.cardteams.com/resources

School counsellors

Youth Clinics

National sexual assault hotline: 800.656.HOPE (4673)

Domestic and teen dating violence: 800.992.2600

To learn more:

Optionsforsexualhealth.org

Assaultcare.ca

Amaze.org