

# ZONTA SAYS NO TO VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN

## 16 DAYS OF ACTIVISM Day 5 – Affirmative Consent

Affirmative consent is a knowing, voluntary, and mutual decision among participants to engage in sexual activity. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create clear permission regarding willingness to engage in the sexual activity.

- **Consent is not passive**  
Silence, lack of resistance, or absence of protest does not indicate consent.
- **Consent is not implied**  
A past sexual relationship does not imply future consent, and consent to one sexual act does not imply consent to another.  
Consent cannot be implied by how someone is dressed or inferred from the giving or acceptance of a gift, ride, money, or other items.
- **Consent cannot be obtained by force**  
Consent cannot be obtained through threats, intimidation, coercion, or physical violence.
- **Consent cannot be given when incapacitated**  
Incapacitation can be caused by a number of factors, including alcohol or drug use, unconsciousness, illness, sleep, or mental disability.
- **Consent is a ongoing process**  
Consent can be withdrawn at any time.



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## Affirmative Consent

**Affirmative consent requires a clear and enthusiastic YES. If someone is unsure, stays silent, doesn't respond, or says *maybe*, they aren't saying yes.**

**Consent means respecting boundaries and never making assumptions.**

**AFFIRMATIVE CONSENT MEANS COMMUNICATION EVERY STEP OF THE WAY.**