WHAT IS CONSENT?

Consent is clear, knowing and voluntary. Consent is active, not passive. Silence, in and of itself, cannot be interpreted as consent. Consent can be given by words or actions, as long as those words or actions create mutually understandable clear permission regarding willingness to engage in (and the conditions of) sexual activity.

- In order for individuals to engage in sexual activity of any type with each other, there must be clear, knowing and voluntary consent prior to and during sexual activity.
- Consent is sexual permission. Consent can be given by a word or action, as long as those words or actions create mutually understandable clear permission regarding the willingness to engage in (and the conditions of) sexual activity.
- Silence – without actions demonstrating permission – cannot be assumed to show consent.
- Consent to some form of sexual activity cannot be automatically taken as consent to any other form of sexual activity.
- Previous relationships or prior consent cannot imply consent to future sexual acts.