

Consent:

Consent is a cornerstone to BDSM. Most practitioners subscribe to SSC (safe sane consensual), RACK (risk aware consensual Kink) or PRICK (personal responsibility informed consensual kink).

Consent, in the context of Kink lifestyles and activities, means that everyone involved is an adult who understands what they are agreeing to, is mentally able to appreciate the consequences of the activity or lifestyle they are agreeing to AND they ACTIVELY agree.

Consent means that there are ways to communicate that you need the activity to stop (such as safe words). In order for your consent to be valid you must be able to remove consent.

Consent Violations

If, while attending an event, someone violates your consent during play by ignoring a clearly stated limit, ignoring a safeword during play, or by repeatedly touching you or demanding play after you have assertively refused/rebuffed them, talk to a DM or one of the event organizers. Try to be calm.

If this violation happens outside an event you have options including (But not limited to) the following:

You can try to talk to the person about this. (Recommended if the violation was a minor one)

You can speak to the police. (Recommended for sexual assault, physical assault and other criminal behaviour).

You can simply be certain to not play with this person again.

Many police and therapists are KINK AWARE. Do not be afraid to use these services if you have need.

No one has the right to violate your clearly stated boundaries or your consent.

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The difference between
BDSM, SM, Poly and
Abuse/Cheating

How to Get Consent:

Verbal consent is given **BEFORE** any BDSM activity or relationship commences, and **AFTER** communication about **WHAT** is being consented to happens.

Consent is only given if it is **WITHIN** the boundaries and limits of those involved.

Consent must be given freely. It cannot be coerced.

Consent can be withdrawn at any time by any person involved.

Consent to BDSM activity requires that all parties are sober & able to understand what they are consenting to.

Consent is Violated WHEN

Your pre negotiated limits are ignored.

Your safe word is ignored

You are manipulated or coerced into consenting.

You are forbidden from withdrawing your consent.

When more than you had negotiated for is introduced during play.

When agreed upon safety measures are not implemented (example, condoms if sexual penetration is part of play)

Personal Responsibility

Know that you have the right and the responsibility to take charge of your Kink Journey.

You do **NOT** have to play. You do not have to agree to one activity to be permitted to do the other.

It is your responsibility to speak up! When negotiating play you need to clearly communicate what you will and not be willing to do.

During play it is your responsibility to communicate if you need to stop, slow down or change the play that is occurring.

Do not assume that a more experienced player can read your body language or your mind.

It is your responsibility to clearly give consent and to be clear that you have consent from those you play with.