

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month



CONSENT

What is consent?

- Consent is an agreement between participants to engage in sexual activity. Consent should be clearly and freely communicated.
- Letting your partner know that you can stop at any time.
- Periodically checking in with your partner, such as asking “Is this still okay?”

How does consent work?

- Consent is about communication and it should happen every time for every type of activity.
- You can withdraw consent at any point if you feel uncomfortable.
- Checking in with your partner regularly to make sure that they are still on the same page.

Consent is not:

- A partner who is disengaged, nonresponsive, visibly upset, or under the influence of drugs or alcohol
- Wearing certain clothes, flirting, or kissing
- Someone under the legal age of consent (16 years in Ohio)
- Pressuring someone into sexual activity by using fear or intimidation
- Assuming permission to engage in a sexual act because you’ve done it in the past