

A QUICK GUIDE TO CONSENT

- Sex is not a 'right' and a woman can say no at any point.
- If a woman hasn't consented and you still have sex with her, it is rape.
- Men can be raped too – the offence can only be committed by another man but women can be charged with being an accessory to rape or assault by penetration.
- A man equally has the right to say no at any point.
- If you are not sure whether someone is too drunk to consent – assume consent is not given.
- Being drunk / on drugs yourself is not a defence for rape.
- Rape is never the victim's fault.
- A conviction for rape means a prison sentence.
- Any form of unwanted sexual touching is a crime, whether or not it leads to rape, and the police will investigate every rape and sexual assault reported to them.
- Rape is a crime of basic intent where the offender has sex with someone who does not consent. Being drunk is no defence. If you are charged with rape you will have to go to court and give evidence in front of a jury. You could face a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.