

consent

violations can happen to people of any gender, sexual orientation and power exchange role.

Get to know someone in public places and around other people before being alone with them. Make sure a trusted friend knows where you will be and how to check in with you.

Also remember to negotiate protection against **pregnancy & sexually-transmitted diseases!**

For the Tops:

If you're not sure whether or not your partner wants you to stop, ASK THEM.

If someone is too intoxicated, stoned or mentally incompetent to understand the consequences of sex or kink, they cannot legally consent to it.

For the Bottoms:

Being a submissive does not mean you are or should be submissive to everyone.

Beware of anyone who tells you that you must do something or you're not a "real submissive."

Be explicit about whether or not someone may touch your genitals or breasts prior to playing together.

how you can help

The NCSF relies overwhelmingly on contributions from individuals and local BDSM, swing and polyamory groups for financial support. Ask your group to organize a fundraiser for NCSF, and contact us at info@ncsfreedom.org to find out how easy it can be!

You can also participate in NCSF activities, ranging from writing letters to the media and government officials, to joining in community outreach. Get information about NCSF actions as well as coverage of mainstream news concerning sexual freedom issues by subscribing to our free newsletter at www.ncsfreedom.org.

NCSF Mission Statement

The NCSF is committed to creating a political, legal and social environment in the U.S. that advances equal rights for consenting adults who engage in alternative sexual and relationship expressions.

The NCSF aims to advance the rights of, and advocate for, consenting adults in the BDSM, leather, fetish, swing, and polyamory communities.

We pursue our vision through direct services, education, advocacy, and outreach, in conjunction with our partners, to directly benefit these communities.



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is the mutual creation of agreement
"yes," not just the absence of "no."

You can ask these questions
and many others:

WHO WILL BE INVOLVED
OR OBSERVING?

WHAT WILL WE
BE DOING?

WHY ARE WE
DOING THIS?

WHERE IS IT
OKAY TO TOUCH?

IS THERE A RISK OF
INJURY OR A HEALTH
ISSUE?

HOW CAN WE STOP
WHAT IS HAPPENING?

Kink Bill of Rights

Keeping in mind the complexity and variety of power exchange relationships and scenes, at a minimum consider the following when evaluating your own:

Kink

- You have a way to stop what is happening if you want to.
- You negotiate as equals prior to the beginning of the exchange.
- You have enough information to know what you're agreeing to do.
- You set your own limits, and your partner(s) set theirs.
- Your limits are respected by your partner(s).
- You can express your feelings.
- You can speak to whomever you choose.
- Interactions happen within the limits and boundaries you agree to.
- You understand and agree to the risks involved.

Abuse

- You can't stop what's happening even if you want to.
- You have no understanding of what will happen and no chance to agree or refuse.
- Your questions aren't answered truthfully.
- You are tricked, coerced or pressured into doing things.
- You may be forced to drink or take drugs, or necessary medication is withheld.
- You are afraid to be honest about what you think and feel.
- You are isolated and cut off from outside support, information or counsel.
- You are threatened and can't leave.
- You are seriously injured.

You should clearly discuss stopping a scene or interaction. Unless a specific safeword or other agreement is reached, then "no" means "no." As do "stop," "I don't want to," and "go away."

It is okay to say "no" even if you said "yes" before. Even if you have agreed to a power exchange relationship, you still have the legal right to withdraw your consent.

If someone keeps trying to touch you or have sex after you say "no" or "stop," they may be committing a crime. Ask NCSF for help in getting counseling or in reporting a crime that has happened to you.

This is intended as a basic guide for consent and negotiation. Find out more from your local BDSM group, munch, or event. Google "BDSM" and the name of your town to find meetings.