



## **SAMPLE Consent Policy for Non-monogamy**

Groups and events are responsible for creating their own consent culture. Part of that responsibility is to make sure your attendees know what is expected of them. It is also helpful to have clearly marked delegates who are available to assist attendees in case there is a consent incident.

*Establish a consent policy for events and parties that includes the following rules:*

1. No touching people or personal property without permission. This includes asking for permission before you hug someone.
2. Treat everyone as an equal, and only engage in verbal role-play if you have permission. For example, don't call someone by a pet name or use derogatory words like "slut" unless you've asked for permission.
3. Be respectful when you contact others outside of this group. Follow the rules in regards to contact, ie. with Meet Up groups you may not be allowed to contact anyone else in the group unless you receive permission in person first.
4. Anyone can withdraw consent, make a nonverbal safesign or use the universal safeword "Red" at any time. Once consent is withdrawn, the activity must stop immediately.
5. Negotiate the scope of your play prior to the activities, including whether there will be any contact with areas like the breasts, buttocks and genitals. Each person must give verbal consent to the proposed acts before any playing or scenes begin.
6. Each participant is responsible for making sure everyone involved has the mental and emotional ability to give informed and voluntary consent. They cannot give consent if they are intoxicated to the point that they can't drive or are slurring their words, or if they are under the influence of prescription drugs that prohibit driving.
7. No one is exempt from the rules, including staff members.
8. If you experience or witness a consent incident, tell the staff immediately. Please also report to the staff if you think someone may not be able to give consent. Violation of this consent policy may result in expulsion.

Disclaimer: Every reasonable effort will be made to enforce this policy, but this organization makes no representations or guarantees about its ability to do so, and all participants/attendees retain full, sole responsibility for their safety and the safety of others with whom they interact.