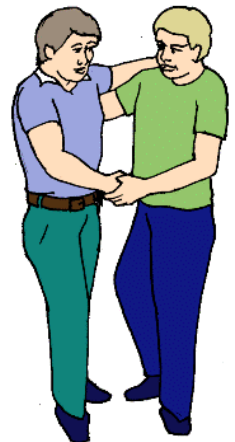
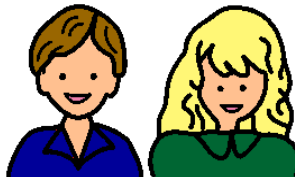


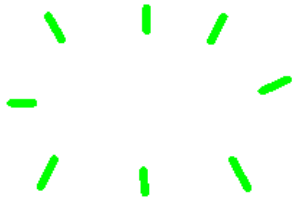
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# Sex and the Law



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## New words

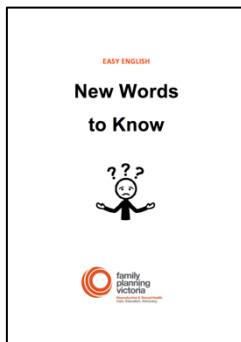
There may be words in this factsheet

- that are new to you and
- you may **not** know what they mean

**or**

- you may be unsure what they mean.

We will make them **blue** the first time we use them.



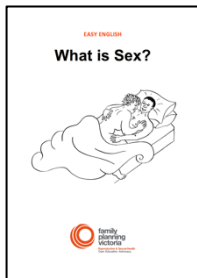
Read about them in the

Family Planning Victoria Fact Sheet

**New Words to Know.**



# What is Sex?



Read about **sex** in the  
Family Planning Victoria Fact Sheet

## What is sex?

It will help you know



- what is sex

and



- what is **not** sex.



# Sex and the Law



There are laws to help you



- stay safe

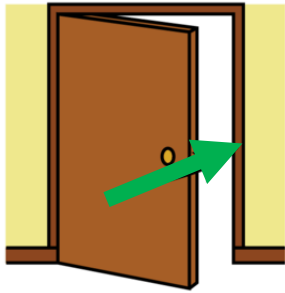
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- know about your rights about sex.



This is called **consent**.

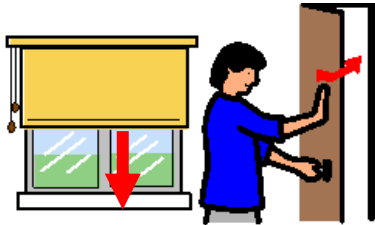


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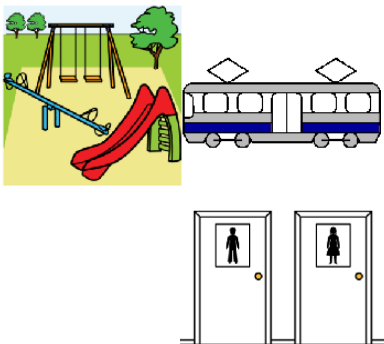
A private place is a

- bedroom
- or
- bathroom.



These rooms are **only** private when the

- door is closed
- blinds are closed.



A public place is a

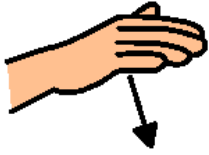
- park
- public transport. Like a train.
- public toilet.



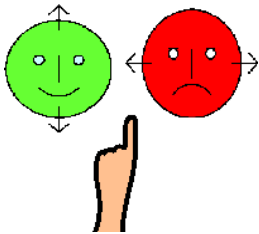
Sex in a public place is a crime.



# Consent

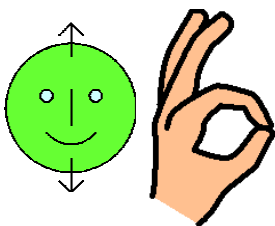


Before you have sex with someone



You choose

- yes
- or
- no.



When you say yes this is called **consent**.

It means you **agree** to have sex with

- that person
- at that time.



# Remember



The law is the same even when you are



- married

or



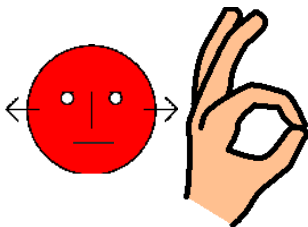
- the person is your

- boyfriend

- girlfriend

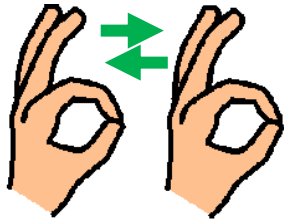
or

- partner.



You can say **no**.

This is OK.



You must agree to have sex.

**and**

the other person must agree to have sex.



The other person is breaking the law if they

have sex with you when you do **not** agree.





## There is no consent when...



you have sex only because

- someone made you feel bad about saying no. Like, they say things like “you do not love me if we do not have sex”.

or



- you are scared you will be hurt. Like, the person says he or she will hit you.



You also can **not** give consent to sex when



- you are asleep



- you have had too much
  - alcohol
  - or**
  - drugs



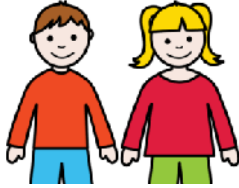
- you do not understand what you are saying yes to



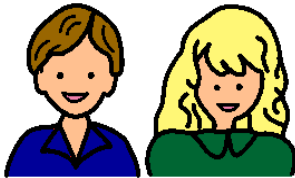
- you are under 12 years old.



## There are laws about sex with young people



A child is someone under 12 years old.



A young person is

- 12, 13, 14 or 15 years old

or



- 16 or 17 years old.



# Sex and children under 12

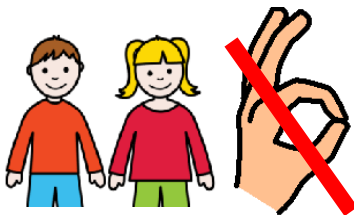


**No one** can have sex with a child who is under 12 years old. This is a crime.

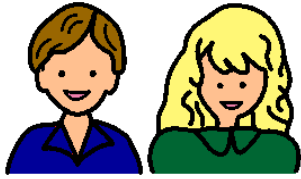


The other person can **not** say the child said yes

**and**



the child can **not** agree to have sex.



## Sex and young people

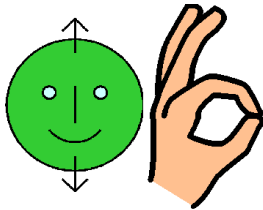
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years old



The other person must be within 24 months of your age.

Like, you are 15 and they are 17.



If you both said **yes**.

This **may** be OK.



When the person is **more** than 24 months

- older than you
- or
- younger than you



This **is** be a crime.



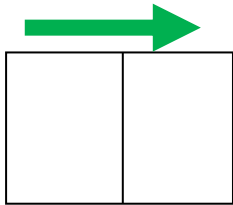
You can **not** have sex with someone

- in your family

or



- whose job it is to help you. Like
  - teacher
  - support worker
  - sports coach.



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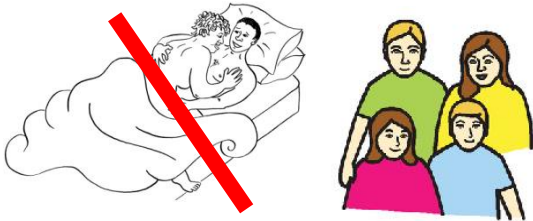
# Sex and young people

## 16 and 17 years old



You can have sex with someone who is older than you

**but**



You can **not** have sex with someone

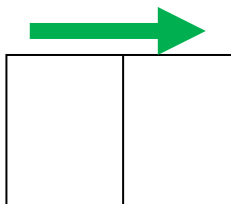
- in your family

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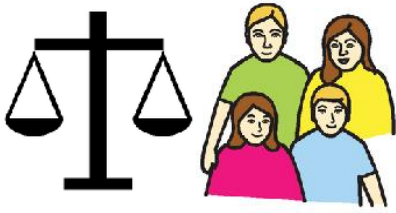
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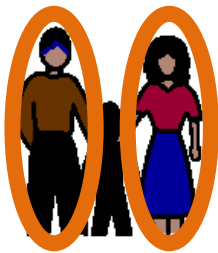
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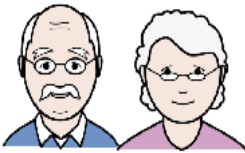


# People in your family can not have sex with you



Family is your

- mum
- dad



- grandma
- grandpa



- brothers
- sisters



- step mum or step dad
- other members of your step family.

Like step brother or step sister.

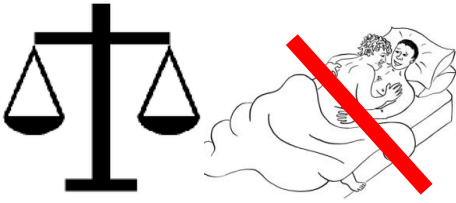




- adopted family member
- foster family member.



This is a crime.



# These people can not have sex with you



A person whose job it is to help you.

It can be your



- teacher
- support staff
- counsellor

or



- boss
- police



- doctor



- someone from your church. Like,

- priest

- rabbi



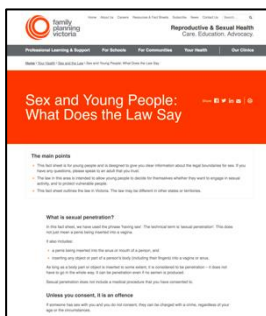
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