

YOUR AGE, THE LAW, AND YOUR CONSENT

WHAT IS THE AGE OF CONSENT?

In Canada, there are situations where sexual activity is against the law, even if you provide consent. One of these situations revolves around the age of a minor. This is called the Age of Protection Act, or, the Age of Consent.



15 YEARS OF AGE

You can only provide consent to someone who is up to 4 years older than you. This means that you can only engage in sexual activity with someone who is between the ages of 14-19 years old.

THE BASICS

If you are under the age of 18, sexual activity is not considered consensual if there is an exchange for something, including money.



16-18 YEARS OF AGE

The age of consent in Canada is 16. If you are 16-18 years old, you can consent to someone 14 years or older, as long as that person is not in a position of trust, authority, or power.

14 YEARS OF AGE

You can only provide consent to someone who is up to 4 years older than you. This means that you can only engage in sexual activity with someone who is between the ages of 13-18 years old.

13 YEARS OF AGE

You can only provide consent to someone who is up to 1 year older than you. This means that you can only engage in sexual activity with someone who is between the ages of 12-14 years old.



12 YEARS OF AGE

You can only provide consent to someone who is up to 1 year older than you. This means that you can only engage in sexual activity with someone who is between the ages of 12-13 years old.

BONUS INFORMATION

- Anyone under the age of 12 is not able to provide consent to any kind of sexual activity.
- The fault is always on the older individual
- This applies to digital conversations of a sexual nature
- This applies to any kind of romantic activity, as this would be considered 'grooming'.