

Continuum of Behaviors: Sex and Relationships

| Categories of Behavior | Productive | Neutral | Ambivalent | Negative | Dangerous |
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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual • Healthy • Age-appropriate • Respectful • Safe | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Not a threat to life or long-term health • Neutral or Harmless in effect or influence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to start assessing for intervention | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Non-Mutual • Disrespectful • Age inappropriate (socially and legally) | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Physical harm • Threat to life |
| Categories of Consent or Lack of Consent | Positive Consent Explicit consent | Positive to Probable Consent | Possible Consent Possible Sexual Misconduct | Sexual Misconduct | Sexual Misconduct |
| General examples Does not cover everything All factors do not need to be present | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • You are clear-headed • You have clear verbal and non-verbal consent to all sexual activities. • No pressure. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No pressure on another to submit to sexual behavior. • Any drinking or substance use is having little to no effect. • Getting only non-verbal signs of consent and little to no verbal consent. • Some passivity or nervousness coming from one of the individuals. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Few clear signals of consent. • Unclear if individuals are feeling pressured to participate, but still participating. • Passivity from a partner. • Someone is under the influence and not clear how much they have consumed. • Not sure of someone's age. • Someone acting out of character. • Not clear someone wants to be hit on or have someone hang out with them. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No clear signals of consent. • Clear that someone is under the influence and/or not exhibiting good judgment. • Someone is under age. • Coercion or threat used on an individual. • Fooling around with someone who is asleep. • Removing the clothing, touching, exposing self or doing a sexual act to someone or in front of someone [or electronically] in any of the above examples. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Force or threat of force to make someone perform an act or stay with someone. • Person incapacitated. • Person has indicated a lack of consent or given no signals of consent. • Person resists. • Having sex with someone who is asleep and not consented to such an act. • All examples listed under negative. |
| How to remedy | No need, enjoy yourself | Ask questions "Seriously, I can?" "You ok with this?" "You want this, right?" | Stop. Take a breath. Break contact with the person. Take a bathroom break. Establish the person can make decisions without pressure. "How much did you drink (or take)?" "We don't have to do anything." "Let's chill for a bit." | Stop the behavior. Remove yourself safely. Ask others to help. Intervene. Support. See if there is a need for medical attention or counseling. Report Sexual Misconduct. | Stop the behavior. Remove yourself safely. Ask others to help. Intervene. Support. Call Campus Safety or the police if necessary. Seek medical or mental health attention as necessary. |