

Age of consent laws in Victoria

There are laws about when young people can legally consent to sex. This fact sheet explains the age of consent in Victoria, but the rules are different in other states and territories.

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and younger

If you are younger than 12 you cannot legally say yes to sex.

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You can legally consent to sex with someone within two years of your age (24-months exactly).

16+

You can legally consent to sex with anyone older than 16 if they are not in a position of power over you (such as a teacher or boss). You can't legally have sex with someone more than two years (24-months) younger than you.

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You can legally consent to sex with anyone.

Consent is important for everyone, especially when it comes to sexual activity with other people. Consent makes sure that everyone understands and agrees to the sexual activity that is happening. This includes communicating about boundaries, contraception, and the type of sex you will be having. Everyone involved should feel safe and comfortable. It's okay to be unsure or change your mind at anytime.

Where can I go for more support and information?

- GenWest: genwest.org.au
- Victoria Legal Aid: legallaid.vic.gov.au
- Youth Law: youthlaw.asn.au
- Your local community legal centre

