

# Women with Disabilities Australia



## Sex and Laws



This book is about sex and the law.

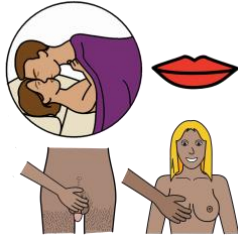


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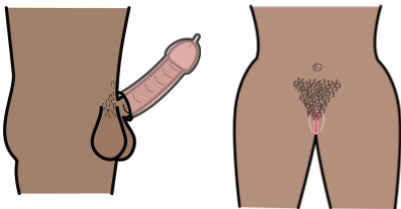
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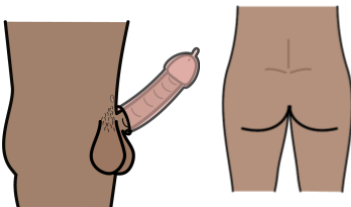
## What is sex?

There are lots of different ways to have sex.

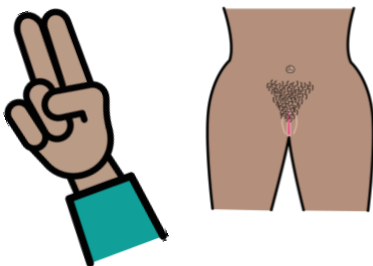
Sex can be



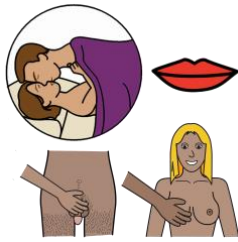
- a penis in a vagina



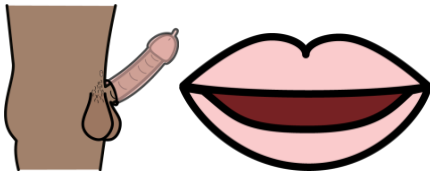
- a penis in a bottom



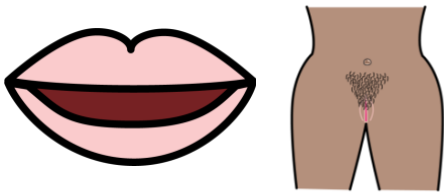
- fingers in a vagina



Sex can also be other things. Like



- a penis in a mouth



- a mouth on a vagina



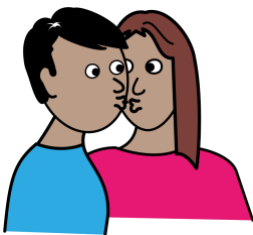
Sex is not



- when you hold hands



- when you hug

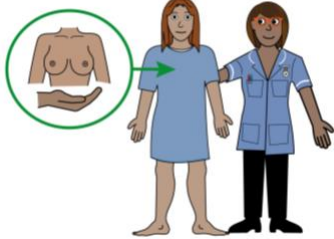


- when you kiss.



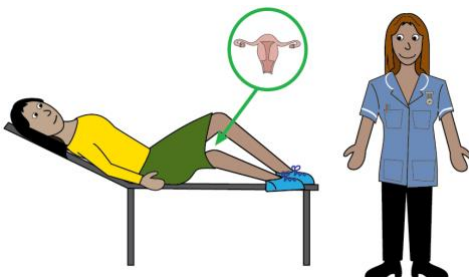
Sex is also **not** a test or check at the doctors.

Like



- a check of your **breasts**

or

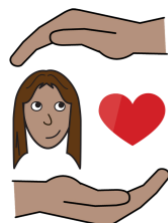


- a cervical screen test.



## Sex and the Law

There are laws about sex. They help you to

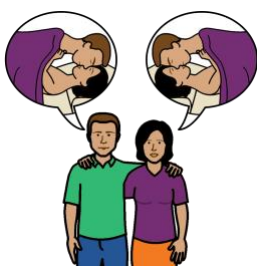


- stay safe

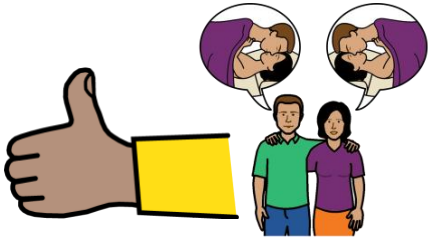
and



- know about your rights about sex

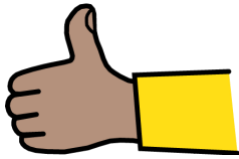


This is called **consent**.



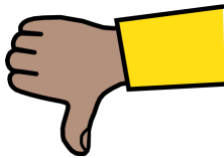
## Consent

**Before** you have sex with someone you say

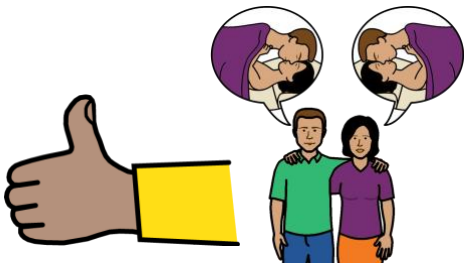


- yes

or



- no.



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

It means you **agree** to have sex

- at that time
- with that person.





## Remember



The law is the same when you are

- married

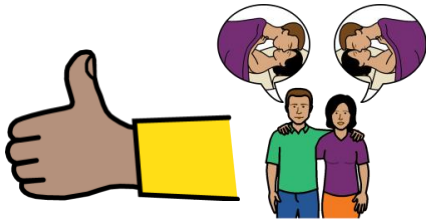
or

- the person is your
  - boyfriend
  - girlfriend

or



- you have just met the person.

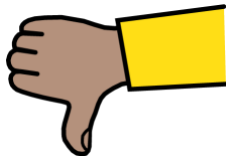


You must **give** consent every time you have sex.

You must **get** consent every time you have sex.



The other person has broken the law



- when you do **not** agree

**but**



- they still make you have sex.



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



- you are asleep



- you have had too much
  - alcohol
  - drugs



- you do not understand.



You can **not** have sex with some people.

It is **against the law**. Like



- **no sex** with someone in your family.

This is people like your

- parent
- brother
- sister
- uncle



- **no sex** with some one under 16 years old



- **no sex** with some one who helps you. Like

- your teacher
- your support worker
- your doctor.



## To find out more

Talk to some one you trust. Like



- a friend
- a family member



- a support worker



- your doctor.



## Thank you

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