

# Women with Disabilities Australia



## Sex and Laws



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This book is about **sex** and the **law**.



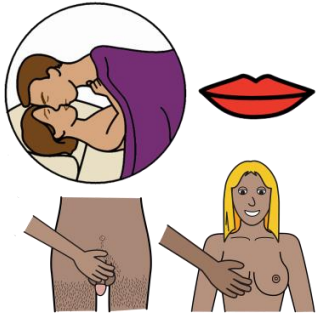
We wrote this book for women and girls with **disability**.



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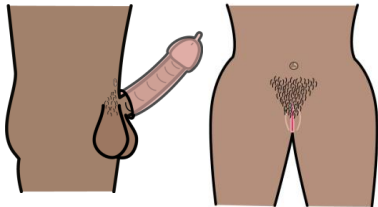
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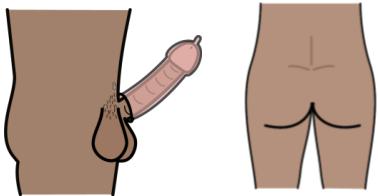
## What is sex?

There are lots of different ways to have sex.

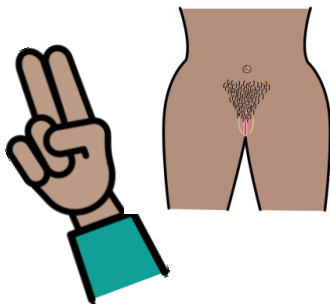
Sex can be:



- a penis in a vagina



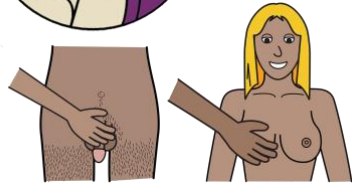
- a penis in a bottom



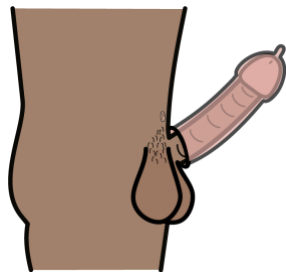
- fingers in a vagina



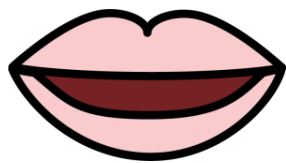
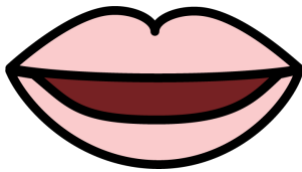
Sex can also be other things.



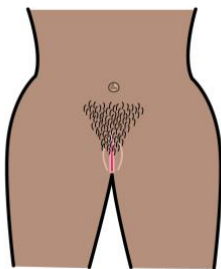
Like:



- a penis in a mouth



- a mouth on a vagina





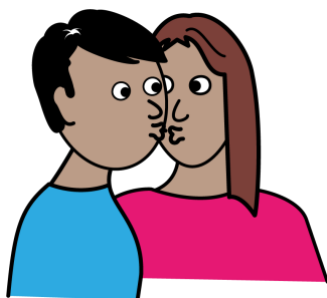
Sex is **not**:



- when you hold hands



- when you hug

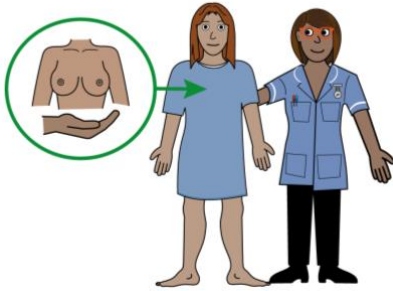


- when you kiss.



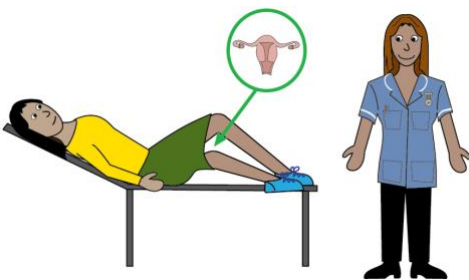
Sex is also **not** a test or check at the doctors.

Like:



- a check of your **breasts**

or



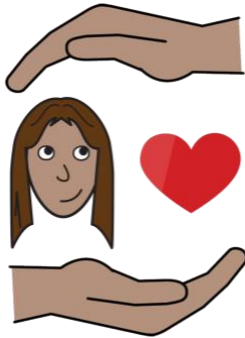
- a cervical screen test.



## Sex and the Law

There are **laws** about sex.

They help you to:

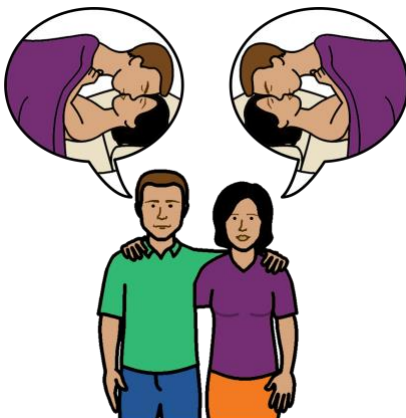


- stay safe

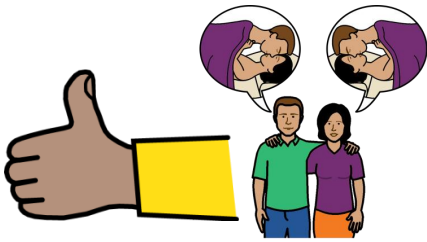
and



- know your rights about sex

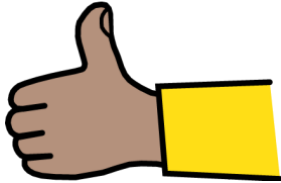


This is called **consent**.



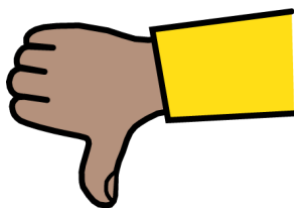
## Consent

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.





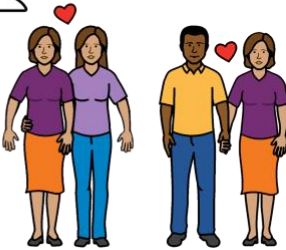
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The law is the same when you are:

- married



or

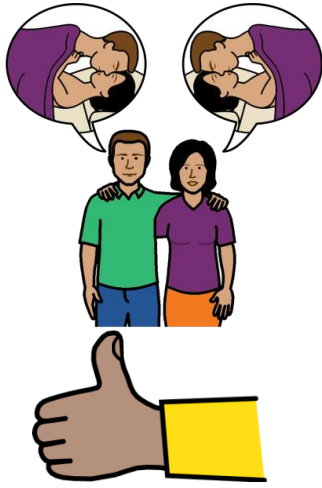


- the person is your
  - boyfriend
  - girlfriend

or



- you have just met the person.

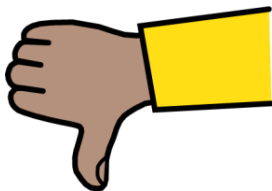


You must **give** consent every time you have sex.

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 **cannot** give consent to sex when:



- you are asleep



- you have had too much
  - alcohol
  - drugs



- you do not understand.

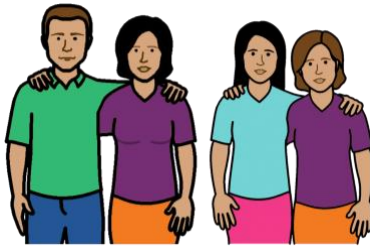


You **cannot** have sex with some people.

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 someone under 16 years old



- **no sex** with someone who helps you. Like:

- your teacher
- your support worker
- your doctor.



## To find out more

Talk to someone you trust.

Like:



- a friend
- a family member



- a support worker



- your doctor.



# Thank you

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Women with Disabilities Australia wrote this book in 2019-2020.

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