

When it comes to sex
'no' sometimes means
'yes'

If two people want to have sex with each other it must be something that they both consent to. They show this through their words and through their body language. Saying 'No' means consent has not been given (although not saying no does not mean consent has been given). The seeker of consent must look out for an enthusiastic or active 'yes' with either the other person's words or body language to be sure they have consent. If someone says 'yes' under pressure, it does not count as consent.

Alcohol and drugs turn
people into rapists

Drugs and alcohol are never the cause of rape or sexual assault. The attacker commits the crime, not the drugs and/or alcohol.

If you go back to
someone's house,
you are saying you
want to have sex with
that person

Going home with someone is not giving consent to have sex with that person. Consent must be sought and given, never assumed. Misplaced assumptions are no excuse, either ethically or in the eyes of the law.

Rape is only rape
if someone gets
physically injured

In some cases, people who have been raped have physical injuries outside or inside their bodies, but not always. Just because someone hasn't got any injuries doesn't mean they weren't raped.

It is not rape if the
target does not clearly
say 'no'

There are many ways that someone can show that they do not want sex as well as saying the word 'No'. Consent means giving permission for something to happen or agreeing to do something

Men don't usually mean
to force sex on anyone
but sometimes they get
carried away

Consent to one sexual activity is not consent to another activity. Consent should not be assumed or treated as a 'one off' but rather as a continual process of checking a partner is happy to proceed. Withdrawal of consent at any point must always be respected and acted upon.