# **AGE OF CONSENT**

# **UNDER 12**

It's against the law for anyone to have sexual contact with you, even if you agree to it.

# **AGE 12**

You can consent to sexual activity with someone who's less than two years older than you.

# **AGE 13**

You can consent to sexual activity with someone who's less than two years older than you.

#### **AGE 14**

You can consent to sexual activity with someone who's less than five years older than you.

# **AGE 15**

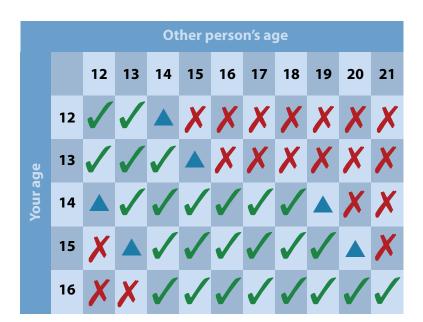
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# **AGE 16**

You've reached the age of consent. This means that you can give consent to sexual activity even if the other person is much older than you. There's no restriction on how much older they can be.

# **UNDER AGE 18**

It's against the law for anyone in a **position of trust or power** over you to have sexual contact with you, even if you say you agree. People in positions of power over you are people you would normally depend on or trust. Some examples are a teacher, coach, family member, or doctor.





You can give consent



No legal consent possible



Depends on your birthdays

THE AGE OF CONSENT IN CANADA IS



# There are 3 exceptions:

12–13

You can consent with someone less than 2 years older than you.

14–15

You can consent with someone less than 5 years older than you.

under 18

It's **not legal** for someone over 18 to have sexual contact with someone under 18 where there's a **relationship of authority, trust, or dependency**.

Exact ages are important because the law measures the differences in age from birthday to birthday. For example, if your 13th birthday is today, you're too young to consent to sexual activity with someone who turned 15 last week.

