

Two “consenting” adults – but are you really?
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The word “consent” is thrown around a lot these days in different contexts. But it is drastically important to know what it really means when talking about intimacy, and even more important to know that you have consent before participating in sexual activity with another person.

Sure, in the moment, it isn’t really romantic to continuously ask if what you are doing is ok. But it is important to know that your partner is agreeable to the event before it happens. This is what it means to have Consent.

When JA is investigating allegations of sexual misconduct we seek to determine how an individual *knew* that he or she had consent for the activity. So it is essential that you are sure you have your partner’s consent before you “take action”. And remember, even if it was ok last night or the week before you don’t automatically have a green light every time. Consent must be given for each instance.

Can a person who is drunk give consent? Not likely. This is why you want to think twice before making any assumptions when someone has been drinking or under the influence of drugs. So when you get home from that wild party and things seem to be going your way, know that without clear consent, your actions may land yourself in our office, or even the courthouse.

Until next time, “For the Glory” – Know the Code...