



Metropolitan Organization to Counter Sexual Assault

24 Hour Crisis Line:  
MO (816) 531- 0233  
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## Consent- What is it?

When a person gives **consent**, it means they give their permission. The following are situations in which, no matter what, a person cannot give consent:

- Under the age
- Under the influence
- Scared or threatened
- Blackmailed or coerced
- Physically forced
- Sleeping or passed out
- If that person has a developmental disability

What is age of consent? It's the age a person can legally consent to sex. If a person has sex with someone under the age of consent, it is called statutory rape.

In **Kansas**, the age of consent is 16.

In **Missouri**, the age of consent has two parts.

- Statutory Rape in the 1st degree: Having sex with anyone under the age of 14
- Statutory Rape in the 2nd Degree: Someone 21 years or older having sex with someone less than 17 years old.

## If You Know Someone Who is a Victim of Sexual Assault:

- ✓ Give referral to a MOCSA's 24 hour crisis line.
- ✓ Be patient and sensitive.
- ✓ Remain calm and remember to support the victim. Negative reactions from family and friends can worsen the impact of sexual assault.
- ✓ Don't ask judgmental questions.
- ✓ Don't make victim blaming statements.
- ✓ Remember it is never the victims fault!
- ✓ Validate the victim's feelings and emotions.

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