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## Sex, young people and the law

### Age of consent

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#### Things to remember

* Under 12: it’s **never** ok to do anything sexual with a person under 12.
* 12–15: it’s not ok if the other person is 24 months older or younger than you.
* 16–17: it’s not ok if the older person is in a position of trust, care or authority over the younger person.
* If you’re not **sure** about someone’s age **check** with them before doing anything sexual.
* It’s not just about age – you must **always check** that the other person **consents** (agrees) freely and voluntarily before any kind of sexual activity.
* Healthy relationships need **consent**, **respect** and **communication**.

#### Where to get help

Talk to an adult you trust or to your school counsellor or call:

Centre Against Sexual Assault: 24-hour counselling for victims/survivors of sexual assault, 1800 806 292

Victoria Legal Aid: Free legal help, 1300 792 387

www.legalaid.vic.gov.au

Youthlaw: Legal services for people 25 and under, (03) 9113 9500

https://youthlaw.asn.au/

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### Your local agency: