

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** or **www.legalaid.vic.gov.au**

Youthlaw Legal service for people 25 and under, **(03) 9113 9500** or **www.youthlaw.asn.au**



Your local agency:

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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**.

