

Four Rules of Consent

Overview:

Keri Black, Program Manager for the YWCA Hope Rape Crisis Center, delivers "Teens, Violence, and Healthy Relationships," a lecture about communicating consent to avoid dangerous interactions.

Summary:

In the excerpt "Four Rules of Consent" Keri Black, YWCA Hope Rape Crisis Center Program Manager, gives a speech regarding sexual consent and violence. She establishes Four Rules of Consent: that it is clear, specific, sober and willing. Black uses a metaphor pulled from social media to illustrate what she means by consent. Black defines the escalation process, from victimization through violent acts such as rape.

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Discussion Questions:

- 1. How does the media portray sex or sexuality?
- 2. How can the media affect young adults' opinions on sex or sexuality?
- 3. What were Black's Four Rules for Consent? Would you add others? Give examples.

Activity:

Quietly instruct a responsible student to walk around the room and take small, non-important things such as a pencil or paper off of other students' desks without asking. Tell the other students that they are allowed to say no or try to verbally stop him or her, but do not allow physical contact. Discuss how this activity relates to consent.

Then, ask the selected student to return the items. Ask the student to walk around one more time, trying to negotiate temporary trades for different items with the other students or to ask for permission to take the item. After this round, discuss how this relates to consent and the four attributes Black discusses in the video (clear, specific, sober, and willing).

Resources:

YWCA Sexual Assault Services and Hotline: https://www.ywcanwo.org About Sex Offender Registries: https://wgte.pbslearningmedia.org

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