

# **VIRGINIA LAW** RAPE & CONSENT

## WHAT IS CONSENT?



An enthusiastic "YES!" to not only sexual acts but whenever something is being offered or requested. The person needs to understand what they are consenting to, how consent works and understand that giving consent one time doesn't mean consent is permanent. Consent can be revoked at any time.

## WHAT IS RAPE?



In Virginia, rape is sexual intercourse between a defendant of any age and a minor who is younger than 13.

## VIRGINIA AGE OF CONSENT



Anyone that is the age of **17 or younger** is **not legally** permitted to provide consent for themselves. The **legal** age of consent in Virginia is **18**, and if it is found that a sexual act has occurred between a minor and a 18 year old, the defendant could be prosecuted for statutory rape.

## ADDITIONAL SITUATIONS WHEN IT IS **ILLEGAL** FOR CONSENT TO OCCUR:

- X If a person is drunk or high**
- X If a person is passed out or asleep**
- X If a person is disabled in a way that affects their ability to understand you**

## ROMEO AND JULIET LAW



Consensual sex between minors who are less than three years apart is protected by this law and prevents young people from receiving criminal charges as a result of consensual sexual activity.

## INTERACTIONS **LEGAL** IN VIRGINIA



**18 YEAR OLD & 18 YEAR OLD**



**17 YEAR OLD & 17 YEAR OLD**



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