

# Sexual/Romantic Youth Consent Laws in Canada

The age of consent in Canada is 16. Meaning, at 16 a person can decide who they would like to engage in romantic/sexual relationships with. However, there are some exceptions.

If a person is in a position of power, trust, or authority in relation to the youth, than the youth **CANNOT** consent to romantic/sexual relations/activities with that person, until the age of 18. If the youth is dependent on the person, they **CANNOT** consent.

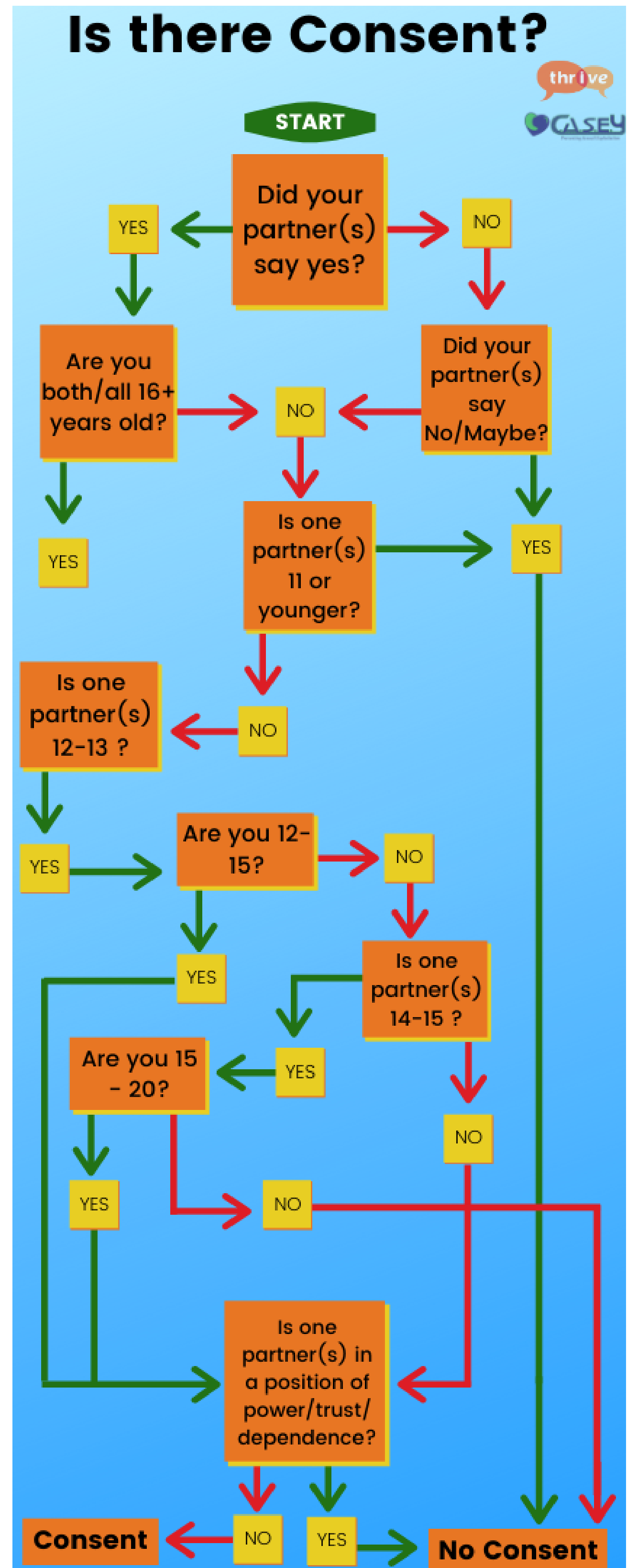
If a child is 11 or younger they **CANNOT** consent to sexual/romantic activity, EVER.

A 12-13 year old can consent to romantic/sexual activity with a person **NO MORE** than 2 years older than them (ages 14-15).

A 14-15 year old can consent to sexual/romantic activity with a person **NO MORE** than 5 years older than them (ages 15-20).

Note some who is 14 **CANNOT** consent to romantic/sexual activity with someone who is 20.

Reminder uncertainty/silence/maybe/no are **NOT** consent.



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