



Siletz Community

Siletz CARE Program
SEXUAL ASSAULT EDUCATION

AGE OF CONSENT

WHAT IS CONSENT?

People typically talk about consent in the context of some kind of sexual or physical activity with a partner. In a healthy relationship, both (or all) partners will be able to talk openly and agree on what kind of activities they want to engage in. In order for consent to truly exist all parties must be legally able to make an informed decision and willingly agree to engage in the acts discussed.

AGE OF CONSENT IN OREGON

In Oregon, the legal age of consent is 18 years of age. This means that a person who is under the age of 18 CANNOT legally consent to engaging in sexual activities of any kind under any circumstances. This includes sexual activities with other minors as well as sexual activities with partners who are over the age of 18.

WHAT ABOUT SEXTING?

Sexting is sending nude or sexually explicit photos or videos by cell phone or other electronic devices. Teenagers who share these kinds of images of people who are under the age of 18 may be at risk of being prosecuted under child pornography laws, even if they share images of themselves. Adults who share or request such photos and videos are breaking the law.

ROMEO & JULIET LAWS

Some states make exceptions based on the age difference of minors engaging in sexual activities and have statutes or conditions that reflect this. These are often referred to as Romeo and Juliet Laws. **OREGON DOES NOT have a Romeo and Juliet Law.** In some very particular instances a three year age difference has been used as a defense against certain charges related to sexual crimes, but it is in no way a guarantee and it is not a statute.

SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES

Choosing to engage in sexual activities with people who are under the age of 18 can have serious consequences. Especially if one of the partners is over the age of 18. They may be charged with Rape, Sexual Abuse, Sodomy, Luring a Minor, Possession of or Distributing Child Pornography, Contributing to the Sexual Delinquency of a Minor and others. Most of these are felony crimes, many of them requiring perpetrators to become registered sex offenders if they are convicted.

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

If you or someone you know has experienced this form of sexual violence you can:

- Report the situation to law enforcement
- Contact the Siletz CARE Program for support
 - Office: 541-444-9680
 - 24 Hour Hope Line: 541-994-5959

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Health Effects of Secondhand Smoke

Secondhand smoke is the combination of smoke from the burning end of a cigarette and the smoke breathed out by smokers. Secondhand smoke contains more than 7,000 chemicals. Hundreds are toxic and about 70 can cause cancer.

Since the 1964 Surgeon General's Report, 2.5 million adults who were nonsmokers died because they breathed secondhand smoke.

There is no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

- Secondhand smoke causes numerous health problems in infants and children, including more frequent and severe asthma attacks, respiratory infections, ear infections, and sudden infant death syndrome (SIDS).
- Smoking during pregnancy results in more than 1,000 infant deaths annually.
- Some of the health conditions caused by secondhand smoke in adults include coronary heart disease, stroke, and lung cancer.

What can we do to help prevent secondhand smoke exposure?

Smoke outside—People who smoke inside housing units expose everyone who lives in the unit to secondhand smoke exposure. Not only do those who live in the unit get exposed to secondhand smoke, but those who visit will also be exposed to secondhand smoke. Smoke can linger in housing units for hours until it settles and causes third-hand smoke exposure.

Lets work together and help protect the Health of our people.



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