

PA recognizes that age and experience create a power imbalance that can make it impossible for the younger person to give consent.

# Understanding the Age of Consent in Pennsylvania

Children less than 13 years of age\* cannot give consent to sexual activity.

Teens between the ages of 13 - 15\* can consent to sexual activities with peers within a 4 year age range.

People ages 16 years and older\* can legally consent to sexual activity.



## Statutory Sexual Assault

When one person is ..... and ..... the other person is older

13 .....than 17

14 .....than 18

15 .....than 19

PA also recognizes that power imbalances in certain relationships make consent impossible, regardless of age.

## Institutional Sexual Assault

An employee or agent of a:

- School including teachers/coaches/volunteers
- State or county correctional facility for juveniles & adults
- Personal care/nursing/group homes
- Other licensed residential facility serving children or youth

commits a felony when engaging in sexual activity with anyone receiving services.

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