Consensual BDSM Assertions

We seek to participate in activities including a broad and complex group of activities between consenting adults involving the consent of a power exchange of power of our own free will. This includes the giving and receiving of intense sensation for the purpose of sexual gratification. In a healthy BDSM relationship all parties involved are actively invested in the well-being of each other and themselves. We take personal responsibility for our actions, interactions, and the effects they have on our partners. We consider violation of those limits a serious offense within the BDSM community. Participants involved in erotic power exchange have an understanding of the possible consequences. We hold that consent may be revoked at any time during activities and said revocation must be respected. We also hold that consent can not be revoked after the fact. While participants may change how they feel about events, actions, or partners they cannot negate consent given at the time the actions took place after the fact. We hold that if we can not agree to the preceding statements we are not ready to participate in these activities.

3 PILLARS OF CONSENT
1. Know exactly what and how much you are agreeing to, including potential risks.
2. Express your intent to participate.
3. Decide freely and voluntarily to participate prior to and during the activity.

We are TES, a not-for-profit BDSM / Leather / Fetish organization dedicated to the social interaction, educational exchange, and ever-changing diversity of our community.

Mission Statement
TES, The Eulenspiegel Society, exists to provide for the unfettered exchange of ideas, education, and mutual support among like-minded people in a welcoming, judgment-free, and confidential space. We raise awareness of healthy BDSM/Kink/Leather communities and practices.

Visit our website for information on TES' Creed, Bylaws, Rules of Etiquette, Cooing & Confidentiality Policies.

Note: This is a collection of information gathered from a variety of resources, and is in progress. It is intended to make clear that TES values consent at our events and in our community. We recognize that not all scenarios are covered, so feel free to contact us if you have concerns that you think fall outside of the scope laid out here.

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Interpersonal Communications

Person Whose Consent is Breached
- Was the action willful?
- Was the action covered in negotiation?
- Did I communicate something was wrong at the time the action occurred?
- What was the response of the other party at the time?
- How has this action affected me?
- How do I feel about the entire interaction?
- What is my goal in communicating my experience?
- Am I seeking...
- Resolution? Understanding? To be heard?
- To educate the other party? Revenge?
- Am I aware that my feelings may not require action of others?

Person Who Breached
- Was I aware that something was wrong at the time?
- Was the action covered in negotiations?
- Was the action, or a problem, communicated to me at the time?
- What was my response at the time?
- What is the goal of this communication?
- What am I willing and able to make amends for?
- How can I make sure not to do it again?

* If pertinent to TES Fest, email cst@tesfest.org.

Organizational Considerations

- Establish and uphold a Consent Policy for events, parties, and social gatherings.
- Deal with alleged consent violations on a case-by-case basis:
  - Record legal names and contact info for anyone involved at an event.
  - Separate and (sensitively) interview people involved and witnesses:
    - What did you negotiate?
    - What were the limits?
    - Who safeworded or withdrew consent?
    - Is there anything that might have negated consent?
    - What is the history of the interaction between the participants?
    - What level of experience does each have with the particular BDSM activities?
    - Were the risks clearly communicated and accepted?
    - Was there an injury that exceeded the negotiated limits?
    - Is there any outcome which is unacceptable?
  - Consider consequences and actions.
  - Report back to individuals involved.
  - Notice of alleged consent violations and perpetrators from other organizations or events should be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and considering the organizational perview.

Who, What, Where, Why, How? How Severe? (physical; emotional; subjective)
What is the Expected Outcome?

MINOR
- Communicate what went wrong to involved parties
- Set expectations of communications

MODERATE
- Contact organizations
- Contact involved parties
- Give expectations of outcome

SEVERE
- Contact authorities
- Contact organizations
- Contact involved parties
- Consider expectations of outcome