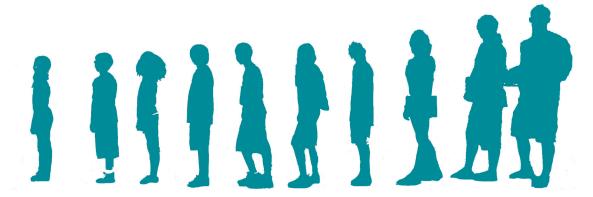
PA recognizes that age and experience create a power imbalance that can make it impossible for the younger person to give consent.

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	and th	the other	
person is	and tl pers	on is	older
13	1	than	17
14	1	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.

*ages are determind by birth dates