AGE of CONSENT in Pennsylvania

Age and experience

can create a power imbalance.



That imbalance can make it

impossible for the younger person to consent

to sexual activity.



Children less than 13 years old* cannot give consent to sexual activity.



Teens ages 13-15 years old cannot consent to sexual activities with anyone who is 4 or more years older than them.



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

PENNSYLVANIA LAW

Statutory Sexual Assault

It is considered felony statutory sexual assault when...

one person is 13 and the other is 17+

one person is 14 and the other is 18+

one person is 15 and the other is 19+



Pennsylvania also recognizes that power imbalances in certain relationships make consent impossible,

regardless of age.

Institutional Sexual Assault

It is considered felony institutional sexual assault when an employee/agent of a...

School (teachers/coaches)

State or County Jail

Personal care/group home

Other licensed residential facility serving youth

...engages in sexual activity with anyone receiving services.



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