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NCSF Mission Statement

The NCSF is committed to advancing the rights of consenting adults in the BDSM-Leather-Fetish, Swing, and Polyamory communities through education, advocacy, and outreach.

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DID YOU KNOW? Even with the landmark changes to the DSM, BDSM today can be prosecuted in many jurisdictions, under laws dealing with assault and sexual abuse, even if it’s entirely consensual. And these are serious criminal offenses, with the potential for extended jail time.

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The revised (and greatly improved!) language of the DSM-5:

**Sexual Masochism**

“Such individuals openly acknowledge intense sexual arousal from the act of being humiliated, beaten, bound, or otherwise made to suffer, as manifested by fantasies, urges, or behaviors.... In contrast, if they declare no distress, exemplified by anxiety, obsessions, guilt, or shame, about these paraphilic impulses, and are not hampered by them in pursuing other personal goals, they could be ascertained as having masochistic sexual interest but should not be diagnosed with sexual masochism disorder.” (DSM-5, p. 694)

**Sexual Sadism**

“The majority of individuals who are active in community networks that practice sadistic and masochistic behaviors do not express any dissatisfaction with their sexual interests, and their behavior would not meet DSM-5 criteria for sexual sadism disorder.” (DSM-5, p. 697)

**Fetishism**

“For example, an individual whose sexual partner either shares or can successfully incorporate his interest in caressing, smelling or licking feet or toes as an important element of foreplay would not be diagnosed with fetishistic disorder; nor would an individual who prefers, and is not distressed or impaired by, solitary sexual behavior associated with wearing rubber garments or leather boots.” (DSM-5, p. 702)

**Transvestism**

“The diagnosis of transvestic disorder does not apply to all individuals who dress as the opposite sex, even those who do so habitually.” (DSM-5, p. 703)