SAMPLE Consent Policy for Kink

BDSM-Leather-Fetish groups and events are responsible for creating their own consent culture. Part of that responsibility is to make sure your attendees know what is expected of them. It is also helpful to have clearly marked delegates who are available to assist attendees in case there is a consent incident. Establish a consent policy for events and parties that includes the following rules:

1. No touching people or personal property without permission.

2. Treat everyone as an equal, and only engage in verbal role-play if you have permission. For example, don’t call someone “Mistress” or “slave” or any other role-play word unless you’ve asked for permission.

3. Negotiate the scope of your scene prior to the activities, including whether there will be any contact with the breasts and genitals. The bottom must give verbal consent to sexual touch before the scene begins.

4. Don’t re-negotiate in the middle of your scene unless it is to reject activities that were previously agreed to. A person who is in subspace or otherwise not in a clear state of mind, may not be able to give informed consent even if they agree or don’t protest in the heat of the moment.

5. Anyone can withdraw consent, make a nonverbal safesign or use the universal safeword “Red” at any time. Once consent is withdrawn, the activity must stop immediately. You must agree how to stop anything at any time prior to the scene.

6. Each participant is responsible to make sure everyone involved has the mental and emotional ability to give informed and voluntary consent for the scene. They cannot give consent if they are intoxicated to the point that they can’t drive or are slurring their words, or if they are under the influence of prescription drugs that prohibit driving.

7. The top is legally responsible for stopping the activities at any suggestion that the bottom has withdrawn consent. The bottom is ethically responsible for being clear and unequivocal when withdrawing consent.

8. If you experience or witness a consent incident, tell a play monitor or clearly marked delegate of the event immediately. Please also report if you think someone is not able to consent. Violation of this consent policy may result in expulsion from the event or group. No one is exempt from the rules.

Disclaimer: Every reasonable effort will be made to enforce this policy, but this organization makes no representations or guarantees about its ability to do so, and all participants/attendees retain full, sole responsibility for their safety and the safety of others with whom they interact.