



interaction
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CONSENT POLICY

Easy Read Guide



WHAT IS CONSENT?



Consent means giving **permission** to someone to do something.



Permission means saying yes



Consent can look like:

- Asking before you hug someone
- Asking before you borrow someone's clothes



If that person you have asked says YES, they have given you consent

DIFFERENT WAYS TO CONSENT



You can consent to things yourself, or you can ask someone to give consent for you



Some people who can consent on your behalf include:

- Your guardian
- Your partner or spouse
- Your carer
- A close friend or family member



Make sure you know who can give consent on your behalf, and what they can consent for

WHAT WILL CONSENT BE ASKED FOR?



Interaction will always explain why your consent is needed and what it is needed for



Some examples of when consent will be asked include:

- Teeth cleaning and dental check-ups
- Health check-ups
- How to spend NDIS funding
- Changing and cleaning yourself
- Taking your photo for Interaction's website or social media
- Behaviour support especially if there are **restrictive practices**



If you don't understand what you are saying YES to, ask them to explain again

WHAT ARE RESTRICTIVE PRACTICES?



Sometimes Interaction will ask for consent for restrictive practices



Restrictive practices is not allowing someone to do something for their own safety



For example, if someone keeps hurting themselves, it is important to put a restrictive practice in to keep them safe



Interaction will speak to you and your guardian, and ask for consent before a restrictive practice is finalised.

CONSENT IN INTERACTION



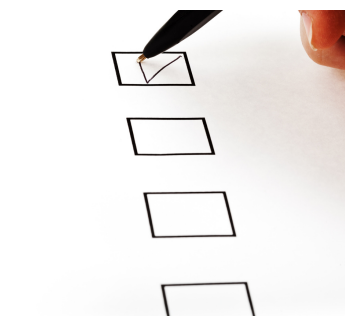
You have a right to say no, if you don't want to do something



In some situations, the person who is allowed to give consent on your behalf can say yes for you



Interaction will take their yes as consent, as they know what is best for you



This is known as a **guardianship order**

CONSENT IN INTERACTION



In Interaction there is also a **Consent to Release, Obtain and Exchange Information Form**



You or someone else can sign this form



This will allow us to share your information with other people involved in your life such as a doctor