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National Coalition for Sexual Freedom

BDSM vs. Assault

For Law Enforcement and
Victim & Social Services

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Yes, it is assault if...

- a pre-negotiated limit was violated.
- a safeword or safesign was ignored.
- consent was revoked.
- consent was coerced or forced.

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Consent & BDSM

Verbal assent is given before doing BDSM
or entering a power exchange relationship.

Consent is given to BDSM activities within
the scope and limits set by participants.

Consent can be withdrawn at any time, for
any activity, by any of the participants.

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