

Exploring The Wonderful World of BDSM

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Helpful Tips

BDSM vs. Abuse:

Abuse can happen regardless of gender, orientation or role. BDSM is about consensual, responsible power exchange and SM play. Abuse is not. If you're concerned that your relationship is abusive, or you come from a background of abuse, there are professional resources you can seek out for help.

Consent is Key:

Withdrawal of consent is final, anyone can withdraw consent regardless of their role.

Assumptions are for Assholes:

Do not make assumptions about a person's gender, orientation or desires based on their appearance. When in doubt ask and listen to what someone has to say, they are the experts on themselves.

Ask for Help:

If something goes wrong in a scene or in a relationship it is always acceptable to ask for outside assistance. Identifying a problem is the first step towards solving it.

The Capitalization Game:

Some folks enjoy playing the capitalization game on the internet by breaking language conventions to indicate positions in a power exchange relationship. You know what's sexy? Grammar.

Scene Names:

If you choose a scene name, be consistent in using it. If you choose a scene name keep in mind it will be something people call you all the time. Something simple, easy to remember and reasonable if overheard in a public setting. Many people just use their first name or nickname. If BDSM is part of who you are, then be who you are.

Scene Honorifics:

What you and your partners call each other in the bedroom or in a scene is entirely up to you. Bestowing an honorific upon yourself (Sir, Lady, Master, Mistress, Lord, etc.) and requiring those outside your relationship to address you as such is forcing your scene on others non consensually and in many communities considered very rude.

Be Upfront:

If it's your first ever time playing, let your partner know. If you have some relevant medical (physical and/or mental) issues that may impact your scene, give your partner a brief overview thereof.

When No is No:

If you don't want to play or interact with someone be clear about it from the outset. Hedging your answer will only encourage them to come back. If someone tells you they don't want to play with you, respect their decision.

Risk Aware Consensual Kink:

Or R.A.C.K for short. Make informed decisions that that involve all your partners. Knowledge and consent is sexy.

Get out there and do it!:

The best thing you can do to learn more about BDSM is to **do** BDSM. Scenes are never perfect, no activity is entirely without risk but no one played the game by sitting in the stands.

Notes

Questions? We can be found on Fetlife Lionessindc or texarcana