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### **BDSM Non-Consensual Coercive Behaviour Checklist**

Please note, this checklist does **not** apply to BDSM in the context of sex work. If you are in sex work, answer only in regards to your BDSM involvement **outside** of a client/provider relationship.

1. *Age:*

2. *Ethnicity*

3. *Where do you currently reside?*

Canada

United States

State or Province:

4. *Gender:*

5. *Sexual orientation:*

6. *What role best describes you? (Check all that apply)*

Top Roles:

Dominant

Top

Master/Mistress/Non-binary equivalent

Service top

Caregiver

Pet owner

Rigger

Leather top

Sadist

Other (please specify)

Bottom Roles

Submissive

Slave

Bottom

Masochist

Pet

Little

Service submissive

Rope bottom

Other (please specify)

Switch

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- Fluid
- Fetishist
- Unsure
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

7. *What best describes your engagement with kink/BDSM communities (when not social distancing)? Check all that apply*

- Only in the bedroom
- I'm not involved in the scene, but I'd like to be
- I think I went to a munch once?
- I occasionally engage with online and/or in person groups
- I only engage with the community online (even when not social distancing)
  - Specify frequency of engagement online: Rarely, Occasionally, Sometimes, Often, Very often
- I sometimes go to events or meetups
- I would be more involved, but I don't have access to community
- I'm deeply invested in my local community
- I often travel to kink conferences, camping events, and/or workshops
- I live the lifestyle when I can
- I'm in a 24/7 dynamic
- I'm part of a leather family/household
- I'm a community organizer
- I'm a community educator
- I'm a title holder/compete in title pageants
- Unsure
- Still figuring out my level of involvement
- I used to be involved in my community, but I've since stepped away
- Prefer not to say
- Other (please specify)

8. *How many years have you been involved in BDSM?*

- Less than 1 year
- 1-5 years
- 6-10 years
- 11-15 years
- 16 years or longer

9. *What is/are your current relationship status(es)?*

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*10. Have you ever been in a dynamic that you considered coercive (excluding consensual non-consent) or that crossed boundaries of consent*

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*For each of the statements below, On a scale of 1 to 5 (1 = never 5 = all the time) please indicate the option that best describes the behaviours that you may have experienced in current or previous relationships*

### **Isolation**

1. Discouraged me from being active in local scenes/communities
2. Shamed for seeking out social support
3. Prohibited me from seeing friends, family, community members
4. Discouraged from reading about BDSM in books or online
5. Told that no one else will want me because of some aspect of my kink
6. Prevented me from seeking medical attention
7. Prevented me from interacting with local or online scene members
8. Weaponized jealousy against me

### **Minimizing/shaming**

1. Belittled, teased, or shamed for using a safeword or enforcing a hard limit (for top roles: told that I can't/don't have hard limits)
2. Accused of not being [dominant, submissive, kinky, etc...] enough
3. Belittled, teased or shamed for requesting aftercare/check ins (for top roles: shamed, teased or belittled for needing aftercare at all)
4. Belittled, teased, or shamed for not wanting to engage in "edgier" play or an intense D/s dynamic
5. Dismissed or shamed for requiring verbal negotiations (as opposed to non-verbal or no negotiations)
6. Excluding dangerous or harmful activities, shamed, teased or belittled for not doing kink "the right way"

### **Intrinsic power dynamics/privilege**

1. Threatened to out me to friends, family, employers, etc.
2. Threatened to blacklist me or have me blacklisted from a community or scene event.
3. Told that no one would believe me if I spoke out because I am [new, young, old, submissive, dominant, less prominent in the community, etc.]
4. Had some aspect of my identity (kink role, gender, race, ability, size, sexuality, etc.) weaponized against me.
5. Treated me as inferior outside of a kink context

### **Denying**

*When a consent violation occurs or something else goes wrong:*

1. Denied that the violation occurred

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2. Insisted the violation “wasn’t that bad”
3. Blamed me for the violation occurring
4. Accused me of lying about the incident
5. Told me this was normal in BDSM or for our dynamic
6. Told me to leave the issue in the past
7. Told me they couldn’t remember violating my consent

### **Emotional manipulation**

1. “punished” in a way that hurt me, when I did not consent to be punished/asked to perform a “punishment” that I was not comfortable with
2. Forced or pressured to do things that go against my core values
3. Given ultimatums/threatened with a breakup when a partner doesn’t get what they want
4. “tested” in ways I don’t enjoy, and that haven’t been negotiated
5. Forced or pressured to perform a task that would cause physical or psychological harm
6. Forced or pressured to negotiate a scene or dynamic when I was not able to give informed consent (for any reason)
7. Had aftercare or check-ins withheld as a “punishment”
8. Got mad at me if I wasn’t able to handle something that we had done in a previous scene

### **Consent violations**

1. Ignored my safeword
2. Violated a standing agreement
3. Refused to honour my pre-existing agreements with other play partners
4. Told me that safewords are “for beginners”
5. Brought or allowed a third party into a scene without negotiation, warning, or check in
6. Took advantage of me when I was in an altered state of consciousness
7. Gave me drugs or alcohol in order to impair my judgment
8. Unilaterally renegotiated our agreements

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*11. How did you hear about this survey?*

- Through a friend or acquaintance
- Google search
- Facebook
- Twitter
- Instagram
- Fetlife
- Reddit
- Other (please specify)