**Resource sheet 3.4: Facts for facilitators**

The following additional background information is provided for facilitators when presenting *Session 3: Taking risks*.

**It is OK to have sex with someone when they are drunk and haven’t said yes.**

**FALSE**. The law says people have to be ready, willing and able to give consent (say yes) to having sex and people who are drunk or out of it cannot give consent.

**If someone has said yes to sex and then they change their mind you have to stop.**

**TRUE**. The law says that people can change their mind about having sex. It is not OK to have sex with someone when they are asleep. The law says people have to be ready, willing and able to give consent (say yes) to having sex. People who are asleep or unconscious for any reason cannot give consent.

**It is safe to hook up with someone you have just met at a party.**

**FALSE**. Having sex is an important decision to make and there are many risks with hooking up with someone you do not know well. The risks include being physically, mentally and/or emotionally hurt, regretting having sex with this person because you do not know them, and getting an STI amongst other risks.

**It is safe to have sex without a condom with someone you know.**

**FALSE**. You cannot tell by looking at a person if they have an STI. It is safest to always use a condom even if you know the person.

**You have to be over 16 to legally have sex in Western Australia.**

**TRUE.** The law in WA says you have to be over 16 years old to have sex.

**It’s good to be out of it when hooking up for the first time.**

**FALSE**. You cannot legally give consent if you are out of it. Making a wise and informed decision is difficult. You may not make the same decision if you are out of it as you would if you were not intoxicated (out of it). You may regret your decision when you are sober. Knowing if your partner is consenting can be difficult. Using a condom is more difficult.

**I have the right to say ‘yes’ to some sexual activities and ‘no’ to others.**

**TRUE**. The law says you can decide what you want to do and who with. Your partner has to respect your decision.

**You have the right to say ‘no’ to any sexual activity.**

**TRUE**. The law says you can decide if you want to say no and your partner has to respect your decision.

**Implanon protects against STIs.**

**FALSE**. Implanon protects against pregnancy but not STIs. Not having sex or using condoms are the best ways to protect against STIs.

**People who are wise are in control of their bodies and are prepared if they are thinking about having sex.**

**TRUE**. Guys and girls need to think about being prepared with accurate information and condoms if they are thinking about having sex. They need to discuss these issues before they decide to, or feel pressured into, having sex