



Safewords and Red Lines III: Expressing Concern Without Kink-Shaming

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Outline

- Things to ask about a partner's kink (5 mins)
- Defining terms, ageplay, consent (5 mins)
- Psychology of ageplay (10 mins)
- Stigma and taboo (5 mins)
- Discussion questions (30 mins)
- Conclusions (5 mins)



Things to ask about a partner's kink

- Is it consensual?
- Is it legal?
- It is something that I am comfortable with?
- Do I understand all of the risks?
 - Legal
 - Emotional triggers
 - Physical harm





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Risk Aware Consensual Kink

- Risk-aware: Both or all partners are well-informed of the risks involved in the proposed activity.
- Consensual: In light of those risks, both or all partners have, of sound mind, offered preliminary consent to engage in said activity.
- Kink: Said activity can be classified as alternative sex.

Minors cannot consent to any form of BDSM or sex



Reddit and Facebook crack down



r/AgePlayPenPals has been banned from Reddit

This subreddit was banned due to a violation of Reddit's [content policy](#) against minor sexualization.

[EXPLORE REDDIT](#)



Facebook:

I'm an adult.

I'm a survivor.

I'm a little.

Deal with it.



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Age Regression

Age regression is a technique that is used in many schools of psychotherapy, most significantly hypnotherapy. This technique is used (either through hypnosis, relaxation techniques or Freudian "free association") to shift focus from the present as a means of exploring past events and memories.



Ageplay

Ageplay falls under the larger umbrella of BDSM. Ageplay is a form of roleplaying in which an individual acts or treats another as if they were a different age. Ageplay is role playing between adults, and involves consent from all parties. Portraying any age can be the goal of ageplay, from babies to the elderly.



Other age-play related terms

- CG/l = Caregiver/little
- DD/lg = DaddyDom/little girl
- DD/lb = DaddyDom/ little boy
- MD/lg = MommyDomme/little girl
- MD/lb = MommyDomme/little boy



Little

- Little: An adult engaging in ageplay or age regression as a younger age within an adult, consensual setting. This is often but certainly not always a submissive role. Many littles are sexual in their littlespace, many are not.



Big

- Big: An adult engaging with someone who is regressing to a younger age. Often but not always a caregiver role. A Big can also be ageplaying as younger than their current age (think older brother, sister, babysitter) or older than their current age (father, mother, grandparent).

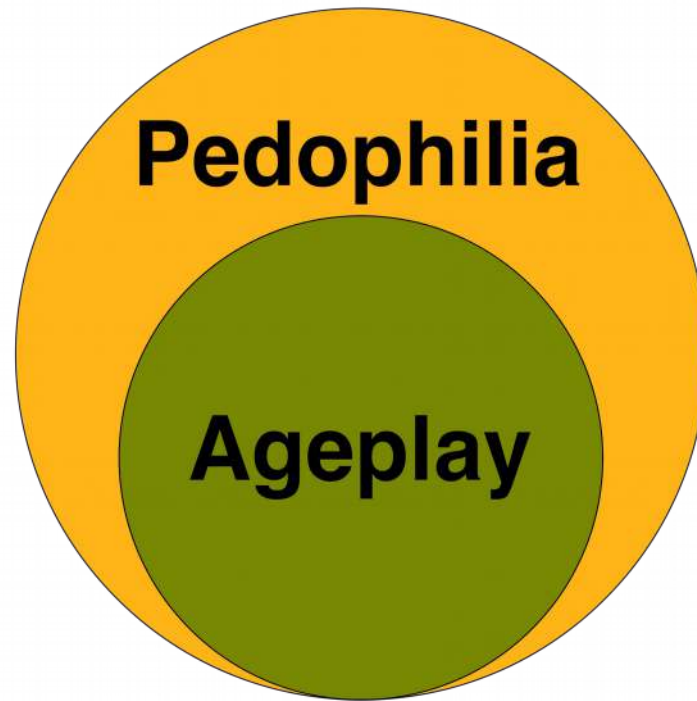


Other definitions

- Safewords: a word serving as a prearranged and unambiguous signal to end an activity, such as between a dominant and submissive sexual couple.
- Consent: permission for something to happen or agreement to do something.



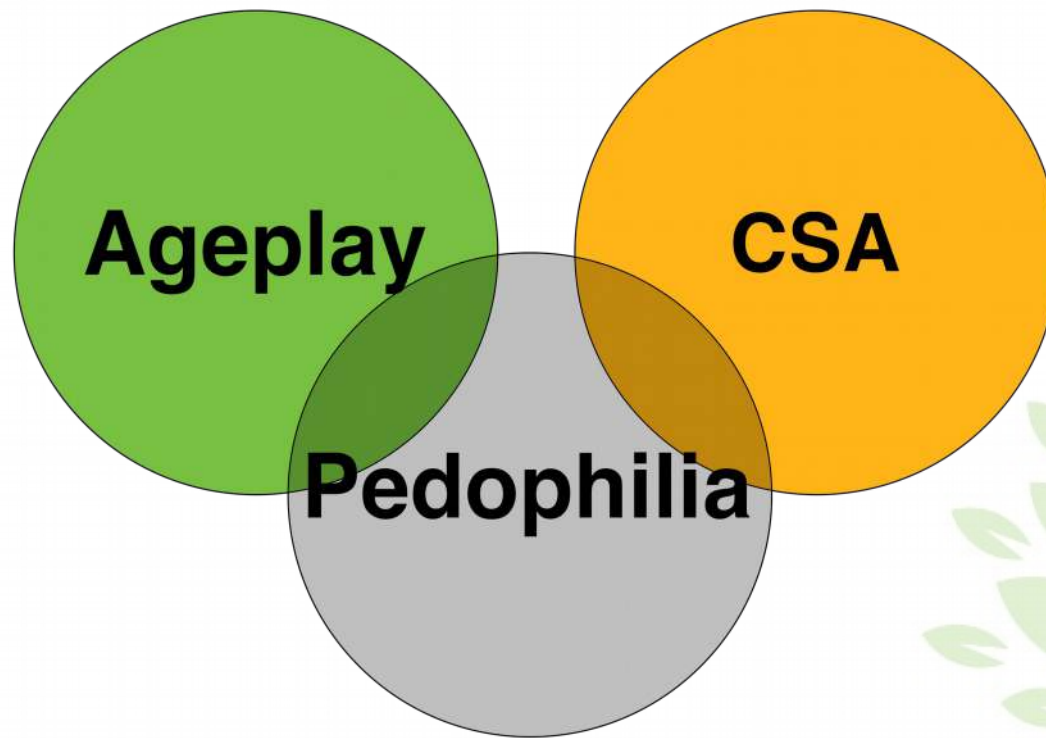
What vanilla society thinks



What the kink community says



What experts say



Erotic-target identity inversion

Normal	Inverted	Example of inversion
Attraction to others	Attraction to yourself	
Zoophilia	Autozoophilia	Furries, pet play
Gynephilia	Autogynephilia	Some trans women
Nepiophilia	Autonepiophilia	ABDL
Pedophilia	Autopedophilia	Ageplay (as little)
Hebephilia	Autohebephilia	Ageplay (as middle)

NB: Non-sexual age regression does not involve ETII

What about the bigs?

- What do we know about the sexuality of bigs?
 - For some it is just an expression of their personality
 - For others attraction to someone with ETII can be a distinct sexuality:
 - eg. gynandromorphophiles or “chasers”
 - But there is anecdotal evidence that someone with ETII can also act as a substitute or stand-in
 - eg. zoophilia in the furry community



Effie, our stigma-busting mascot



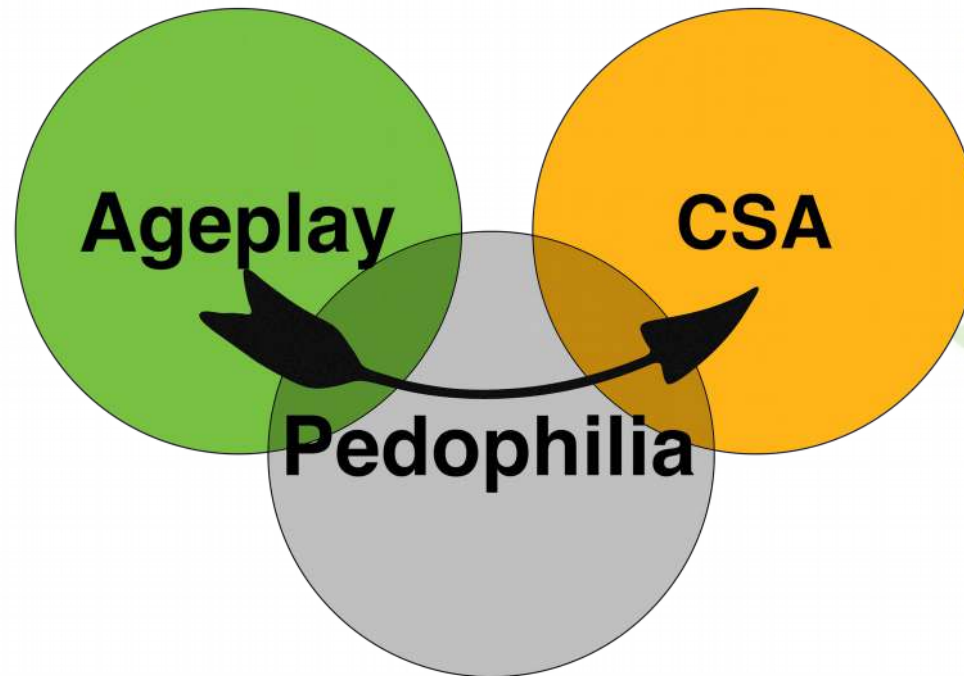
Stigma and taboo

- People ageplay for different reasons:
 - As BDSM role play
 - As age regression
 - To process child sexual abuse
 - Due to autopedophilia
 - As erotic target shifting for MAPs
- Stigma against any one group hurts them all



Normalization of child abuse

- Other child protection groups say ageplay normalizes child sexual abuse
- We have a responsibility as a sex-positive community not to allow that to happen



“No Children Harmed” certification



Discussion questions

- How to express your limits without “purity policing” in the bedroom.
- Can ageplay become self-harming for a child sexual abuse survivor?
- Is it OK to confess a desire that would be illegal to enact in real life?
- Where to obtain help if you fear your partner may cross a line.



Safeguarding is about prevention

- Before things get out of hand:
 - Tag your content
 - Check your partners' ID
 - Negotiate clearly
- If they are getting out of hand:
 - Make sure your partner knows how to get help
 - Know when to get out and when to report



Conclusions

- People engage in BDSM for different reasons, all of which are *valid for them*
- But it is totally OK to set your own boundaries
- Ageplay does not normalize child sexual abuse if we don't allow it to!
- Safeguarding is about prevention



Questions and resources

- Prostasia Foundation Forum
<https://forum.prostasia.org/>
- National Coalition for Sexual Freedom
<https://www.ncsfreedom.org/>
- Sex Positive Families
<https://sexpositivefamilies.com/>
- Questions?





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