# How to use a condom...

1. Check that the condom foil is intact, that it is within the expiry date and that it has the BSI Kitemark and CE mark. Tear along one side of the foil, making sure that you do not damage the condom with sharp fingernails or jewellery as you squeeze the condom out.



2 Put the condom on when the penis is erect, but before contact with your partner as fluid is often released in the early stages of an erection. This may cause pregnancy or pass on an infection.



3. Hold the condom teat between the thumb and the finger, making sure the condom is the right way for unrolling. This expels air from the teat reducing the chance of it bursting.



4 Using your other hand, unroll the condom down the entire length of the penis, while still holding the teat. Make sure the condom stays in place during sex. If the condom should come off then open a new condom and put it on before continuing sex. If this happens, the female should attend for post-coital contraception as a precaution against unintended pregnancy.



5. After ejaculation, make sure you hold the base of the condom in place as you withdraw. Only when the penis is completely withdrawn can you remove the condom. Make sure you keep the penis and used condom away from the vagina and anus.



After use, make sure you dispose of the condom hygienically. Wrap it in tissue and place it in a waste bin. **Do not flush it down the toilet.** 





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# Important information

Do not use oil-based lubricants such as baby oil, petroleum jelly, body lotions, massage oils, butter etc., as they can damage latex condoms. If additional lubrication is required, use a water-based lubricant such as Pasante TLC or Light Lube. Some medications applied to either the penis, anus or vagina may damage the condom, so please check with your doctor or pharmacist. Condoms used for anal sex may have an increased risk of slipping off or being damaged. Never use the same condom more than once. If you have unprotected sex or you feel your method of contraception has failed, contact your Sexual Health Clinic or GP for emergency contraception advice as soon as possible, preferably within 24 hours, but no later than 72 hours. For further information on sexually transmitted infections (STIs), look for Genito Urinary Medicine (GUM) or Sexual Health Clinic in the phone book.

# **Useful contacts**

# CS Supplies (Mail Order)

Secure mail order service for condoms and safe sex products direct to the community.

Catalogues or on-line ordering.

Tel: 01273 593069

www.postalcondoms.co.uk

#### **National Drugs Helpline**

Free and confidential helpline with information on drug use and misuse.

Tel: 0800 776600 Mon - Fri 24hours www.talktofrank.com

# **Terrence Higgins Trust/Helpline**

Practical advice & counselling for people concerned with HIV & AIDS.

Tel: 0845 1221200 Mon - Fri 10am - 10pm Sat - Sun 12am -6pm www.tht.org.uk

## Sexwise

Under 18's: advice about sex, relationships or contraception.

Tel: 0800 282930 www.ruthinking.co.uk

### NHS Direct

Confidential health advice and information. Calls charged at local rate. For patients' safety, all calls are recorded.

Tel: 0845 4647

www.nhsdirect.nhs.uk

### Sexual Health Direct

Contraceptive and sexual health advice, run by the fpa (family planning association).

Tel: 0845 3101334 (UK)

Tel: 028 9032 5488 (N. Ireland)

Mon - Fri 9am -7pm www.fpa.org.uk

#### Caledonia Youth (Scotland)

Free sex advice and contraception for young people.

Mon – Thu 12 - 6pm Fri 12 – 3.30pm

Sat 12 – 2.30pm

www.caledoniayouth.org

#### C:Card (Scotland)

Free condoms across the Lothians. Free and confidential, run by NHS Helpline.

Tel: 0800 22 44 88 www.ccard.org.uk

# **Healthy Gay Scotland**

Free condoms by post. www.hgscotland.org.uk

#### The Sandyford Initiative (Scotland)

Sexual health service for Glasgow area.

Tel: 0141 211 8130

# **HYPE Project (Belfast)**

Sexual information and help for young people under 25.

Tel: 028 9056 4936 www.wellnet-ni.com

#### Sexual Health Line

Confidential health advice and information.

Tel: 0800 567123

Textphone: 0800 521361

Mon - Fri 24 hours

www.playingsafely.co.uk

www.condomessentialwear.co.uk

#### Brook

Free sex advice & contraception for young people.

Tel: 08000 185023 (UK & Scotland) Tel: 028 9032 8866 (N. Ireland)

www.brook.org.uk

**Genito urinary clinics** can be found on:

www.condomessentialwear.co.uk

Details of your local service:

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