

“THE GIFT THAT KEEPS ON GIVING”

Some facts and thoughts on Sexually Transmitted Diseases (STDs)

Although anyone, of any age, can become infected with a STD, teenagers are particularly vulnerable because of a lack of information.

Yes, you ABSOLUTELY can have a STD, even if you do not have any symptoms.

A condom offers little protection against STDs and in fact, in some cases such as HPV (Human Papilloma Virus), offers no protection at all.

Yes, you ABSOLUTELY can contract a STD through oral sex.

Not all people with a STD will have an outward sign of infection. Therefore, don't assume your partner is not infected just because he or she doesn't have symptoms.

If you find that you have put yourself in a situation in which you could have been infected with a STD, have yourself tested immediately.

Even STD infected people with no outward sign of infection will infect others.

Get tested for STD's at your local health department.

Some symptoms of STDs

In Women...

Discharge from the vagina
Itching in the genital area
Bleeding between periods
Burning with urination
Odor from the genital area
Pain with intercourse
Pelvic pain

In Men...

Discharge from the penis
Pain and itching inside penis
Pain in the testicles
Burning with urination

In both Women & Men

Rectal pain and discharge
Body rash
Genital sores, rashes, abrasions or bumps
Swelling of the lymph nodes
Mouth and throat sores and lesions

There is really no such thing as “safe sex”, abstinence is the only sure way to avoid contracting an STD. See our FAQ page for symptoms specific to the most common STD's.