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Using the condom



Put the condom on before you have any skin-to-skin contact between your penis and your partner.

Once the penis is hard, pinch the tip of the condom to squeeze out air. This leaves room for semen once you come (ejaculate).

How to Use A Condom (Rubber)



Roll the condom all the way down the penis.



Place the condom on the end of the penis and roll it down.

If you start rolling it down and discover that the condom is inside out, throw out that condom and begin again with a new condom.

Used the right way, condoms can help protect you from pregnancy and sexually transmitted diseases, including HIV, the virus that causes AIDS.

Pull out while your penis is still hard.



After you come (ejaculate), hold onto the condom at the base of the penis.

Continue to hold the tip.

Help prevent disease: use condoms for vaginal, anal, or oral sex.

All latex condoms sold in the U.S. meet the same standards for strength and quality. Condoms made from "natural" materials such as lambskin do not protect against disease.

Use a new condom each time you have sex.



Throw used condoms into the trash (not down the toilet).

Never use a condom more than once.

Do not store condoms in your wallet, glove compartment of your car, or near heat.



Using & Storing Condoms

- Store condoms in a cool, dry place away from heat and direct sunlight.
- Do not use after the expiration date.
- Do not use your teeth, nails, or other sharp objects when opening the package.
- Handle the condom carefully once it's out of the package.

Tips on Condoms & Partners

- Think ahead about what you want to say and how you will start the conversation.
- Discuss condom use with your partner before taking clothes off. Once naked, feelings of vulnerability often inhibit talking about condoms.
- Shop for condoms with your partner. Try different brands and styles.
- If you find that using condoms interrupts foreplay, make the condom a part of foreplay.
- Have your partner manually stimulate you while you put on the condom.
- Have your partner put the condom on for you.

Using condoms is like learning to wear a seat belt all the time — it takes practice to make it a habit.

Use Lube

- Add a drop or two of water-based lubricant like K-Y® or Astroglide® to the outside of the condom. Re-apply as needed as friction will dry out the condom.
- Try different lubes until you find one you like.
- Always use water-based lubes with latex condoms.
- You can apply a drop of lube inside the condom to increase sensations before you put on the condom.
- Experiment with different lubes. Be sure to only use water based lubes with latex condoms.
- Never use Vaseline®, hand lotion or oil-based lube. Oil can break latex condoms.
- Lubricants like K-Y® or ForPlay® are safe to use with latex condoms.



If you don't like the first style of condom you use, try another brand or style.

Different brands and styles feel different.