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answers to your questions about sex and relationships



SEXTALK WEEK HAS ARRIVED!

Come out to the UA Mall on Wednesday, 2/8

from 10am-2pm to win big prizes, grab giveaways, and score FREE condoms & lube! Free STD testing also available!

How many people have STDs?

There is no way to know for sure. Chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis, and HIV are the sexually transmitted diseases (STDs) that are routinely reported to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). This only gives a snapshot of the number of people who have STDs in the US for a few reasons: there are more than 20 different types of STDs, many STD cases go undiagnosed and underreported, and many people who have an STD may not know they are infected because they do not show any signs or symptoms.

In terms of numbers, here's what we do know:

- The CDC estimates that there are 20 million new infections each year in the US.
- Among sexually active UA students, 64% have NOT been STD tested within the last year.

- 1 in 2 sexually active people will get an STD by age 25.
- Here at the UA, the top three STDs are chlamydia, herpes (HSV), and human papilloma virus (HPV).

STDs can be transmitted skin-toskin, fluid-to-skin, and skin-tofluid. Here are some ways you can reduce your risk:

- Protect yourself and your partner by using barrier methods such as male or female condoms, dams, and/or gloves.
- Reduce the number of sex partners you have.
- When in doubt, get checked out. UA Campus Health offers confidential STD testing and treatment all year. For more information or to make an appointment, go to www.health.arizona.edu and search "STD testing."

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Have a question? Email it to sextalk@email.arizona.edu



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