

STAY HEALTHY WITH ENTERTAINMENT! UNCLE STEVIE'S GUIDE TO SAFE ENCOUNTERS

METHOD	FAILURE RATE	PROTECTION AGAINST DISEASE	EMBARRASSMENT FACTOR
THE PILL	0-2%	NONE	Fairly low. Potential embarrassment when staying with catholic relatives and trying not to rattle the foil. Being caught in the act with the container can not be easily cleared up by the explanation that it is a new promotional drive for tic-tac mints. Can prove to be dangerously embarrassing to those who have a problem establishing what day it is.
CONDOM <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; width: fit-content; margin: 5px auto;"> <p>Note: Avoid products made from natural fabrics and animal parts.</p> </div>	3-6%	Reasonable if the rest of one's body is securely invested in Saran Wrap. Because the immediate locale of the packet is often obscure and once found, the act of putting it on can either take months or induce hysteria in your partner, this method may have extra advantages in being able to prevent copulation altogether.	High. We're already off to a bad start because of all the silly names for it. If using this method, it is advisable to be a witty conversationalist to bridge the 15 minute gap during the gymnastics required to get it out. This manoever was recently suggested as a demonstration event for Seoul. No variety of colours, textures or novelty tips will prevent you from looking like a complete dork once it's on. Extra embarrassment is experienced when it seemingly disappears afterwards until you decide to invite your friends parents around when it mysteriously turns up under the coffee table.
DIAPHRAGM (Cap)	3-12%	NOT A CHANCE	High. When not in use tends to fall out of purse in the SUB cafeteria. When in use tends to fall out of body. Furthermore during insertion this device has a habit of suddenly catapulting across the room invariably ending up in an old cup of coffee or the fish tank.
THE SPONGE	Dodgy unless used with a battery of other methods.	YOU'RE JOKING	Can be embarrassing if Dad finds it in the bathroom and mutters 'Ah! now to wash the car!' Can be used as a glove puppet to break the tension though.
INTRA UTERINE DEVICE (IUD or Coil)	2-4%	RIGHT OUT	Medium. Possibility of picking up CB messages, space shuttle transmissions and Premier McKenna's car phone during the event. An unexpected attraction to the North Pole as well as problems using a compass while hiking can be encountered.
SPERMICIDE (Foams, Jellies, Creams)	10-14%	DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH	High. Both partners may relive the sensation that they are having an intimate encounter with a gateau. Noisy enough that the neighbours might mistakenly phone the plumber. Not recommended after watching movies such as 'The Blob' or 'The Thing that ate Manhattan'.
COITUS INTERRUPTUS (Pulling out at the last moment)	10-40%	Assuming that you are protected from disease here is like assuming that scattering sugar around a picnic will scare ants away.	Quite high afterwards if your mom does the laundry and you are sternly reprimanded at the supper table for eating Miracle Whip in bed again. Kleenex are essential unless you or your partner are into rather unorthodox moisturising lotions.
RHYTHM METHOD	High	NOT BLOODY LIKELY	High. Especially several months afterwards when asked to pay child maintainance. (Stuff the Pope. He hasn't got a clue.)

CLOSELY RELATIVE

Nadine Murray talks to Australian combo *Weddings, Parties, Anything* and finds some obvious parallels.

At first glance, Australia and Canada are, literally and figuratively, a world away. We, as Canadians, consider

Australia to be a hot, exotic, isolated country with nothing in common with Canada. This is not so, and Mick Thomas, the lyricist/singer of Australia's *WEDDINGS, PARTIES, ANYTHING* put me right on this point.

Thomas wrote a song for their recent album "Roaring Days" about a fellow named Tex Morton. He said that Mor-

ton "was not dissimilar to a Canadian man called Stompin' Tom Connors. He's a man who travelled through Australia...in the 30's... He sang and wrote about what he saw. He also did a lot of other stuff, like hypnotism and he used to crack a whip and tell jokes; he'd do anything for a quid. He was an irascible sort of fellow.

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