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A gay men's guide to erotic safer sex

WARNING: These guidelines contain explicit language. If you can't cope with reality, don't read on.

by Patrick Barnholden and Padraic Brake

Fear of AIDS is no reason to decrease the amount of sex you have or the number of sex partners you have. As gay men and lesbians we have adapted our sexual practices to take into account the risk factors of the various ways we live out our passions. HIV is the virus that is thought to cause AIDS and it can be passed from one person another during sex through the exchange of cum or blood. But remember, since we learned about how to protect ourselves from HIV we've had years to make sex exciting, fun and worth staying awake at night for. It is not the number of people or the kind of people you have sex with that puts you at risk — it is specific high risk activities — activities you can easily avoid.

Anal intercourse with a condom (a lower risk activity)

As I woke up I could feel Mark's hard cock pressing into my ass and was immediately reminded of last night. My first move was to reach down beside the bed and grab the last remaining condom. Opening the package as I could feel Mark smearing my ass with K-Y I could only think of the ecstasy I would feel within minutes. I put the rubber on the tip of his beautiful cock and squeezed the tip and rolled it down to the base. Squirting more K-Y onto his cock he slipped into my already lubricated ass.

The eroticization of safe sex has been crucial in the efforts of our community to educate ourselves. Telling our stories of wild safe sex serves to make us all aware of the myriad possibilities for lust and passion in our lives. Anyone can become infected with HIV but anyone can also play safe. Learning how to use condoms properly and assessing the risk factors of various activities is all you need to know to play safe.

Mutual masturbation (a no risk activity)

I lay on my back as Fred sat across my hips, his limp cock resting on my abdomen, I reached my left hand up to his left nipple as my right hand took hold of his cock and balls. Within seconds I could feel his cock hardening in my hand. I slowly worked my hand up and down his shaft, accelerating my actions and pinching his nipples as I worked to make him cum. I heard the telltale sounds from deep within his throat and knew that I was about to feel his cum squirting all across my chest.

When choosing a condom always choose latex —

you can use either lubricated or non-lubricated but always use additional water-based lubricant such as K-Y jelly or Lubafax. One size fits all but Trojan now has a large sized one for the man with the big ego.

When putting on a condom you can squeeze some lubricant into the tip. Always squeeze the air out of the tip before you roll the condom down. It never hurts to practice on your own (or with a friend) a few times before you actually fuck with one.

Dental dams are pieces of latex rubber that act as a barrier when eating cunt. They are available at some drugstores and at dental suppliers. Condoms can also be cut up one side and used in the same manner.

Fellatio without a condom and swallowing cum (a low risk activity)

I had heard Raghu's message on the answering machine very clearly, "I'll be over around 10 and suck your cock within the first three minutes." Raghu never wasted time. The doorbell rang at 10:04 — I had thought he would wait at least until the door was closed before he went down on his knees and found his way into my pants. Before I was even finished my hellos his mouth was filled with my swelling cock. Looking down and seeing his

head move up and down and feeling his tongue circle my cock I felt at home once again. Raghu speeded up and slowed down his actions several times as he brought me to the point of explosion. "Ohhh, I'm gonna cum now Raghu," I moaned. He kept his lips tightly around me as my cum shot down his throat.

Here are guidelines for assessing the risk of different activities.

High Risk of HIV Transmission
 Anal intercourse (ass fucking) without a condom
 Vaginal intercourse without a condom
 Sharing sex toys (dildoes, etc.) without thorough cleaning or condoms

Any other activities where there is contact from one bloodstream to another.

Lower Risk of HIV Transmission
 Anal or vaginal intercourse with a condom
 Unprotected oral sex on a woman during her period
 Unprotected oral sex on a man (cocksucking) with or without swallowing cum

Low Risk of HIV Transmission
 French kissing
 Drinking pee
 Oral anal contact (rimming)
 Eating shit
 Giving or getting head (cocksucking) with a condom
 Getting head without a condom, no ejaculation
 Oral sex on a woman without a dental dam outside her period
 Oral sex with a dental dam

SUCKING...

IT'S SAFER THAN WE THOUGHT.

Here's why: You can only catch HIV if it gets into your blood. It is not easy for HIV to get into your bloodstream inside your mouth.

What about swallowing?
 We know that stomach acids don't kill HIV. But even if you swallow cum or pre-cum, there's almost no chance you'll catch HIV.

What about cuts or sores in the mouth?
 These could make sucking a riskier. If you've got bleeding gums or have just had dental work play it safe and wait a few days, has healed.

What about getting sucked?
 As far as we can tell, no one has ever caught HIV from getting sucked.

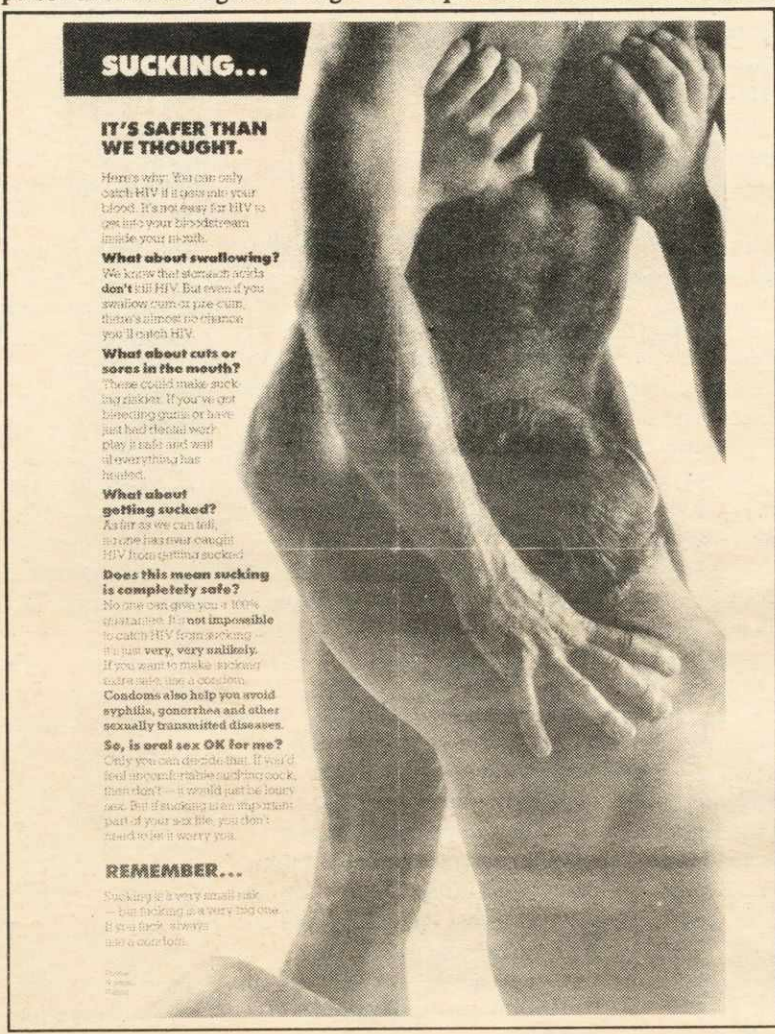
Does this mean sucking is completely safe?
 No one can give you a 100% guarantee. It is not impossible to catch HIV from sucking — it's just very, very unlikely.

If you want to make sucking safer, use a condom. Condoms also help you avoid syphilis, gonorrhoea and other sexually transmitted diseases.

So, is oral sex OK for me?
 Only you can decide that. If you'd feel awkward sucking your cock, then don't — it would just be lousy sex. But if sucking is an important part of your sex life, you don't need to let it worry you.

REMEMBER...

Sucking is a very small risk — but sucking is a very big one. If you're unsure, always use a condom.



FEATURE

Or get off the toilet

by Dan Hart

And with "A Gay Man's Guide to Erotic Safer Sex", the Shit hits the fan. It whirls, splashing the Righteous, the preservers of besieged "Ward and June" values. The soiled Righteous take the high ground, denouncing the article as filth, unnatural, a boost to tuition fees, inappropriate for the Great Unwashed.

Back in the Lowlands, lives are lived, c**ks are s**ked. Gay love. Special, sweaty, suck-my-assets love. So much better than pornography, "A Gay Men's guide" is smart and erotic. And bound to piss you off if you stand with the Righteous in thinking this article is extreme, obscene, appealing only to baser instincts. "Freedom necessarily has limits and this article is it."

Girl, this article is for and about gay men. That's a given. And that without apology. If you're straight, get your own. If you're queer and find all this attention unwelcome, get a life.

If you're typical of your generation, you've spared some thought to political correctness. It matters that Society be as non-judgmental of race, gender or sexual orientation. The authors of "Erotic Safer Sex" feel your dilemma, that awkward position of being politically correct in theory only. To make your non-homophobia most complete, "Erotic Safer Sex" makes moist and clear precisely what gay men will do in the bedroom, the doorway, the anywhere/anytime.

So now you know. If you're still with us, you're hard-core politically correct. You're fairmindedness has been put to The Test. And you passed. Gay men will make love in their own way and they should be allowed to express that love uncensored (in a Gay and Lesbian Supplement anyway). Therefore, you have passed the practical portion of the political correctness test.

In other words, shit or get off the toilet.



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