

SEX WORKERS OUTREACH PROJECT NSW
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STIs ON THE RISE

It's important to play safe to keep our mob
healthy and deadly.

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Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs)

Include chlamydia, gonorrhoea, syphilis, and HIV.

STIs can be spread by having any kind of sex, including oral, without condoms.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities are experiencing higher rates of STIs.



To know if you have an STI you will need to see a doctor or sexual health clinic for a sexual health test. You can test for most STIs by just peeing in a cup or taking a painless swab of the throat, vagina and/or anus.

To find out if you have HIV, syphilis or hepatitis you will need to get a blood test as these viruses live in the blood. Most STIs are treated with a course of antibiotics.

Often you can have an STI and not even know. This is because sometimes there are no signs or symptoms of an STI. If you have an STI you might have the following symptoms:

- Unusual discharge or odour from the vagina, penis or anus
- Irritation or pain when peeing
- Redness, burning or swollen vagina, penis, anus or testicles
- Pelvic or lower tummy pain especially when having sex
- Bleeding between periods
- Conjunctivitis or an infected eye (you can get some STIs like gonorrhoea, in the eye)
- Sore throat (you can get some STIs, like gonorrhoea, in the throat)

NSW Sexual Health Clinics via NSW Health health.nsw.gov.au



NSW Sexual Health Info Link 1800 451 624 shil.nsw.gov.au



To AVOID STIs and enjoy the sex you want

- Get tested for STIs regularly
- If you have an STI, get it treated
- Always use condoms for vaginal, oral or anal sex

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