

# Unprotected oral sex... your health - your decision.



"This is a very thin condom, and I know you'll love it. You'll have a good time and afterwards there'll be nothing to worry about."

"Afterwards, it will be me, not the condom, you'll be thinking about!"

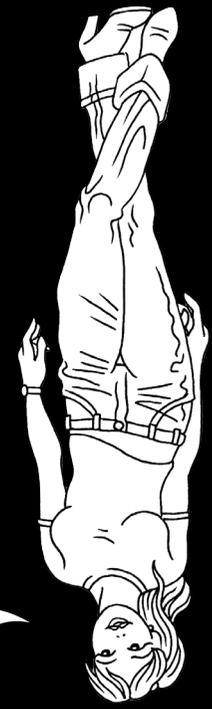
"I don't do unsafe sex with anyone, not even for extra money. I can't put a price on my health."

"Won't you worry I've done it with someone else? I could have an STI and might pass it on to you!"

"Darling, the service is for you. The condom is for your partner."

"We don't have to use a condom if all you want is a relaxing massage and a chat. But if you want some fun and excitement, I think the saying is: 'If it's not on, it's not on.'"

"So... you haven't had a good time with condoms? You just lay back, relax, and I'll show you how much fun it can be using them."



**Sex workers are smart.**  
We like to share smart lines you can use to talk about safer sex...

## Why we might do unprotected oral

Clients may ask for oral sex without a condom, 'natural oral', 'natural French', a 'bareback blow job' (BBBJ) or 'cum in mouth' (CIM). Often, clients don't know the risks.

With every job, you have the right to negotiate your services and protect your health, and the health of your clients and other sexual partners. It's your choice.

Clients might offer extra money, or maybe it's the only service they want. You might negotiate it to keep the job, or to avoid sex or when the client can't get hard.

SWOP encourages you to be informed before you negotiate a service, and minimise the risks.

You are a professional, and condoms protect you at work.



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# Unprotected Oral

Tips by and for sex workers

Self-determination • Workplace Rights  
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Why would someone do unprotected oral?

What are the risks of sucking without a condom?



### If you choose to do unprotected oral you can minimise the risk by:

Not doing natural oral if you have cracked lips, cuts in the mouth, bleeding gums, ulcers or a sore throat, because these are pathways for infections to get into the body.

Checking the client for Sexually Transmissible Infections (STIs) before the job and before he pees, and asking him to pee and wash under the foreskin before and after the service.

Washing your hands before putting on a condom for full service, to stop pre-cum or cum getting on the condom.

Spitting or swallowing quickly if he cums in your mouth, then rinsing and gargling with water.

Avoiding brushing or flossing teeth before a job.

Scheduling dentist visits for non-work days.

## Condoms protect you from STIs... and you can take control from the start!

### Check the client for STIs

Do an STI check before he pees or showers. 'Milk' the penis for discharge (white or yellow), and look for red or itchy skin, crabs, sores, lumps, blisters or warts.

After the STI check, wash your hands before opening and putting on the condom.

Management should support workers who refuse to see a client who may have an STI, refuses a condom or presents a health or safety risk.

If you are unsure how to do a health check on clients to look for visible STIs, drop by SWOP or see the SWOP website:

[www.swop.org.au](http://www.swop.org.au)

### Work Health and Safety - your right to safety at work

When it comes to Work Health and Safety (WH&S), no one should put you at risk.

Brothel owners and receptionists have a legal role to play in supporting WH&S, and they should not offer unprotected services on behalf of a worker.

Businesses should protect the health and safety of people that they provide services to, such as clients.

Places that advertise natural French, or sell it on the phone to clients on your behalf, are in breach of *SafeWork NSW Health and Safety Guidelines*.

This is about YOUR health!

"I say cheerfully: 'You're the 10th customer who's asked me for that today!'"

Needless to say, he went 'Urgg... never mind, I think I'll use the condom please...'"



## The cost of unprotected oral sex - STIs

Extra money today may cost you later...time off work, doctors, treatments and clients complaining of STIs. If you get treated, your client might not, and they can give you that STI again if you don't use condoms.

STIs can be transmitted between you and the client from the genitals, mouth or throat during oral without a condom. If you already have one STI, it is easier to catch another.

**Chlamydia** can be passed from genitals to mouth, or mouth to genitals.

**Herpes** can be passed from the mouth (cold sores) to the genitals, or genitals to mouth, even when you can't see any sores.

**Gonorrhoea** can go from genitals to mouth, or mouth to genitals. It is fairly easy to catch, especially orally, and often has no symptoms.

**Syphilis** can be transmitted if sores are present, including from skin-to-skin contact with lips, mouth or throat. Sores can be painless, small and easily missed.

**HIV** is considered very low risk for oral sex transmission, except if there are sores or cuts in the mouth.

**Hep A** can be contracted from oral-to-anal contact (rimming).

**Genital warts (HPV)** can spread from skin-to-skin contact (not bodily fluids), and can be a risk for mouth, throat and cervical cancer.

Note: Mouthwash will not stop STIs.

**If you do unprotected oral, ask for a throat swab at your next checkup.**