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# AIDS

**A**quired  
**I**mmuno-  
**D**eficiency  
**S**yndrome

## WHAT IS IT?

An infectious disease caused by the Human Immunodeficiency Virus (HIV) which affects the body's ability to fight infections

### HIV IS SPREAD BY:

- Unprotected sex with an infected partner.



- Contaminated skin piercing/cutting instruments.

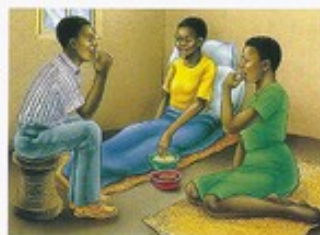


- An infected pregnant mother to her baby.



### HIV IS NOT SPREAD BY:

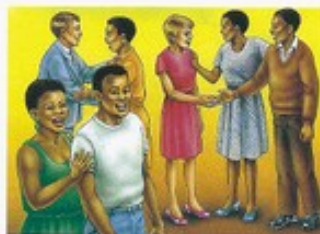
- Sharing eating utensils.



- Playing together



- Casual contact



- Caring for people with HIV/AIDS



- Sharing toilet facilities



- Donating blood



- Insect bites



## REMEMBER

- There is no vaccine or cure for AIDS.
- A person may be infected for years with HIV without showing any symptoms.
- Condoms reduce the risk of STD/HIV infection.



**DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH**  
**HEALTH PROMOTION CENTRE**

A FAITHFUL, MUTUAL, LIFELONG SEXUAL RELATIONSHIP  
WILL PROTECT YOU AGAINST HIV/AIDS

- Multiple sex partners multiply the risk of STD/HIV infection.
- Alcohol clouds your judgement and can put you at risk of engaging in unprotected sex.
- Your responsible sexual behaviour will protect the life of the baby you expect to have.