## Play safe on holiday / Brook Advisory Centres.

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#### PLANNING TO HAVE A GOOD TIME?

- You don't have to have sexual intercourse.
   There's lots of ways to make love and be safe from pregnancy or infection.
- Safer sex includes hugging, kissing, stroking, massage, masturbating each other or any activity which avoids contact with his semen or her vaginal fluids.
- If your holiday romance continues when you get home, you'll know your lover's chasing you, not just sex!

#### IF YOU HAVE SEX.

- If and when you have sexual intercourse, always (and that means always!) use a condom.
- Keep suntan oil well away from your condom oil based creams or lotions can perish rubber in minutes!
- If you're using another method of contraception, use a condom as well.
- Sounds like Double Dutch? Not if you want to enjoy yourself without post-holiday panics!

### HOW DO I BRING IT UP?

- Promising yourself you'll play safe on holiday is one thing. Doing it is another - especially if you've had plenty of cheap booze.
- It's best to talk about what you want to do before you start to make love - once you've started it's difficult to bring the subject up. Talking about sex can be as sexy as doing it!
- Some people make a joke about it, others start talking about AIDS in general, someone else might just get out a condom. What's your style?

# BUT ISN'T IT ROMANTIC JUST TO GET CARRIED AWAY...?

- Only if you find an unplanned pregnancy or a sexually transmitted infection romantic too...
- SO PACK SOME CONDOMS IN YOUR LUGGAGE BEFORE YOU GO OR YOU MAY BRING SOME UNWANTED SOUVENIRS BACK WITH YOU!

#### REMEMBER!

- If you do have UNPROTECTED SEX or something goes
  wrong when you use a condom (and you haven't used
  another contraceptive as well), then ACT QUICKLY! Ask
  a doctor for EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION. You must
  go within 3 days but seek help anyway as soon as possible
  - If this isn't possible, have a pregnancy test and check up as soon as you get home. Go to your nearest Brook Advisory Centre, youth advisory clinic or family planning clinic.
- If you want to use the FEMALE CONDOM to help you enjoy safer sex, find out how to use it at your Brook. Centre or youth advisory clinic - and practise using it on your own first.
- If you want to AVOID HAVING A PERIOD while on holiday and you're on the combined pill, ask your doctor if you can start the next pack as soon as you've finished the last one.
- NEVER stop using the pill half way through a packet!
   It can wake up your ovaries and cause pregnancy.
- IF YOU'VE RUN A RISK of catching a sexually transmitted infection or HIV. go to your nearest Genito-Urinary Medicine (GUM) Clinic for a check up - even if you don't notice any signs of infection.
   Most STD's can be cured. CUT THE WORRY, GO FOR A CHECK UP!

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Notes:

There are Brook Centres in England, Scotland and Northern Ireland.
Ring: 0171-713 9000 for details of your nearest Brook Centre or young people's birth control service.



