

## Oral Sex and Condoms

Sometimes workers are confused about providing oral sex to a client without a condom.

### IS IT SAFE AND LEGAL?

Workers might wonder if it is safe, or if it is legal to provide oral without a condom in the ACT.

This short guide explains the situation in the ACT. You should always use a condom when providing oral sex to a client. There are good reasons for this: **It is illegal in the ACT to provide oral sex without a condom.**

Condoms prevent you from catching sexually transmitted infections including Chlamydia, Gonorrhoea, syphilis, warts and herpes.

You can get an infection in your mouth, even if he doesn't ejaculate. If you get an infection it could be uncomfortable and will need treatment. While you have an infection you cannot work till the STI has cleared up.

It's not worth risking your income! Clients and shop owners will sometimes try to offer you more money to provide oral sex without a condom. It's not worth it. It is your right to say no I don't want to provide this as a service.

**Contact SWOP if you need assistance saying 'no' to a client or shop.** Unprotected oral sex is not safe and is not part of our job. A client or parlour that tries to talk you into providing unprotected oral sex is breaking the law. Some condoms are flavoured and this makes them taste better when you are doing oral sex. Some condoms are thinner and will give the client the feeling that there is no condom. The best thing to do is try a few different styles and find what is best for you.

### OTHER TIPS

- Reapply lube every time you change positions.
- Use the correct size condom. For example, small condoms are much more effective for small penises than the standard size.
- Don't let the client touch or play with the condom once it is on. He could have pre-cum on his hands and he could damage the condom.

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