

THE CONDOM



How does it work?

A condom is a long rubber cover that the man uses on his penis while having sex. It works by stopping the man's sperm from getting into the woman's vagina and womb. It must be put onto the man's erect penis before he puts into the woman's vagina.



Disadvantages

- * Some men won't use condoms because they don't like them.
- * Some people feel it interrupts love-making while the condom is put on.
- * If the condom has holes in it the woman can fall pregnant, especially if no spermicidal cream or jelly was being used.



Advantages

- * It is good at preventing pregnancy if it is used properly and it doesn't have any holes or tears in it.
- * Condoms are easy to get at clinics and can be bought at chemists quite cheaply.
- * Condoms are safe and do not affect the health of either the woman or the man.

* Condoms protect people from getting V.D. (Venereal Disease) or from spreading it if they have got it already.

* The woman does not have to use any other kinds of contraception. This means she isn't the one who has to take all the responsibility for preventing pregnancy.



Some important things to remember

1. The condom must be put on before the man's penis is put inside the woman's vagina as sperms can leak out and cause pregnancy before he has an orgasm.
2. A condom should never be used more than once.
3. It is safest if the condom is used with spermicidal cream or jelly.
4. The man must check to see that the condom is still on properly when he takes his penis out of the woman's vagina.