

World Aids Day

December 1

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SEXUALLY TRANSMITTED INFECTIONS

**Affect people of all races, ages, and sexual orientations
– But hit young people the hardest ...
with health consequences lasting a lifetime:**

- Untreated gonorrhea and chlamydia can silently steal a young woman's chance to have children later in life;
- Untreated syphilis can lead to brain, heart, and organ damage. Syphilis in pregnant women can be passed to the unborn baby, causing stillbirth, death soon after birth, as well as physical deformity in children who survive;
- And studies suggest that people with gonorrhea, chlamydia, or syphilis are at ***increased risk for HIV***.

What Can You Do?

- Learn about safer sex methods;
- Make informed decisions and talk to your partner(s) about their STI status and the use of protection;
- Use condoms consistently and correctly;
- Get tested for STIs if you are sexually active; and
- If diagnosed and treated for an STI, follow your health care provider's treatment and follow-up recommendations. You can easily be re-infected if your partner is not treated as well.



**Every two hours
someone in Canada
is infected with HIV**

**Learn how to reduce your risk
Stop the spread of HIV**



For more Information

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