

As a sex worker, from time to time, you may have the opportunity to see female clients. It is your choice, if you want to provide sexual services to a female client. Whether you are a male, female, or Trans sex worker, these are tips for how to check for STI's, when seeing a female client.

Performing an STI check on a woman can be more difficult than if you were with a male client. It may be harder to sight visible signs of STI's within the folds of the labia and opening of the vagina.

Also in Australian culture there is an expectation that women will take their hygiene more seriously than men. Because of this women may take it more personally when confronted with this necessary part of the booking.

Sensual massage, and hand stimulation can be the best way of getting around these problems, as you are leading into the checking of STI's, without their knowledge.

Good lighting is needed; have their genitals facing the direction of the light while you play with their vagina.

Open up the labia lips. Try using a tiny bit of lubricant to wipe away any excess discharge and mucous build-up so that you can see what the fresh vaginal discharge looks like. A healthy discharge should be clear to pearly white and without an offensive odour.

What to look for

- Sores, with a discharge. Pimples can be caused from shaving or waxing i.e. ingrown hairs.
- Rashes, lumps, and bumps.
- Chaffed thighs, if the skin is broken.
- Herpes looks like boils.
- A strong smelling discharge, from the vagina.

“If there are signs of STI's you may choose to use hand relief or sex toys as a way of not losing the booking. Especially if by this stage you are half way through the booking and you don't want to give the money back”

Dams

Dams are not known well in the general community. Dams are thin sheets of latex that can be used to lie across the genitalia (vagina or anus) before licking.

Moreover, there will be times you will need to educate your clients about Sexual Health, such as dam use.

Be aware that it is illegal to engage in oral, anal, or vaginal sex without a prophylactic when doing sex work in Queensland.

This means that when performing oral sex on a female you must use a dam. If a female police officer posing as a potential client and asks you to go down on her without a dam and you say yes you could be charged with 'offering to provide a sexual service without a prophylactic'. Even if you have not done the booking.

Safety

If you are a male sex worker seeing a female client you might feel that there is not as much need of safety strategies. Yet it is best to still collect the cash at the start of the booking, and check your surroundings if you are doing an out call. For female sex workers the same strategies you use in every booking is strongly recommended.

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