

Negotiating the booking

This fact sheet provides tips on negotiating boundaries you feel comfortable with when making a booking, and how to ensure your client uses a condom.

Setting boundaries

It is important that workers are aware of their own limitations and the client's expectations when negotiating sexual practices.

When making a booking, be assertive but not aggressive. If you are not comfortable providing a particular service, such as anal sex, then don't do it!

Remember, that the booking is negotiated by mutual consent and you should not be pressured into doing anything that makes you feel uncomfortable.

If you are working for someone else, clarify expectations with your manager. For example, you'll need to find out what constitutes a standard booking, and what is considered an extra.

Safer sex positions & possible risks

Familiarise yourself with safer sex positions that give you more control (see Safer Sex Positions fact sheet).

Be aware that some clients may be rough. If you are experiencing any discomfort, don't be afraid to stop and change positions or apply more lubricant if necessary.

Introducing condoms to clients

Condom use is a legal requirement under the *Prostitution Act 1999*. Inform your clients that it is illegal for you to 'offer' sexual intercourse and/or oral sex without the use of condoms and/or dams. Remind them also that it is illegal for 'them' to 'ask' for sexual intercourse and/or oral sex without the use of condoms and/or dams.

Condoms protect both the client and the worker, ensuring a pleasurable booking. Remind clients that many STIs including gonorrhoea and chlamydia can be prevented simply by wearing condoms.

Condoms come in all shapes and sizes and there is one to fit everyone.

To make it easier, try some "tricks" - like putting on the condom with your mouth, or adding a tiny drop of lube inside the tip of the condom to increase sensation.

Be aware of the condom at all times. Check that it is still on or not broken.

If clients continue to refuse to use a condom, simply stop the booking.