

NEEDLE POINTS

Prostitutes are safe sex pros.

Studies are finding that we are more likely to use condoms than people who have sex for free. But sex isn't the only way you get AIDS.

A lot of people don't know you can get AIDS from sharing a needle for shooting drugs. According to a report from th City, there are a hundred women in Toronto who have tested positive for HIV, the virus that is believed to cause AIDS. Ten of them are prostitutes. Nine of the ten got HIV from sharing injection equipment.

If you shoot drugs, try to use a clean needle every time. Do not share a needle (or water or cooker) with anybody, even a lover.

If you do not have your own needle, clean the needle first. Draw bleach into the needle and squirt it out a couple of times to kill viruses and germs. Then do the same thing with water to clean out the bleach. Talk to a PSSP AIDS Educator about where to get clean works or bleach kits. These cleaning tips apply to needles used for do-it-yourself piercing and tattoos.

FOR MORE INFORMATION
Check with your friends
who have been on the
scene for a while, or come
to the coffee house at
Maggie's, 298 Gerrard
Street East at Parliament,
Tuesday and Wednesday
from 10 pm until 2 am.

OR
Call the AIDS Committee of
Toronto at 926-1626,
Ontario Ministry of Health
at 392-AIDS or
Hassle Free Clinic at
922-0603/922-0566.

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