

sex talk.

answers to your questions about sex and relationships

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63% of UA students always or usually report using a condom during intercourse. (2012 Health & Wellness Survey, n=2,406)

Q Can you have sex in public?

A. Not without legal consequences. Arizona, like most states, has indecency laws which apply to any number of “revealing” acts, let alone sex in public. According to the Arizona Revised Statutes:

“A person commits public sexual indecency by intentionally or knowingly engaging in [sexual contact], if another person is

present, and the defendant is reckless about whether such other person, as a reasonable person, would be offended or alarmed by the act.”

These laws are often enforced vigorously, so, to preserve your legal standing, as well as your good name, it's best to heed some timeless advice: Get a room!

Q Can you use plastic wrap or a balloon as a condom?

A. Some of us pride ourselves on inventive ways to repurpose everyday objects (you know who you are). A napkin becomes a table stabilizer, chewing gum patches a radiator leak, or hair conditioner serves as a stand-in for shaving cream. Condoms are NOT one of the things you want to find creative replacements for.

While it's probably more urban legend than reality, plastic wrap, balloons, and, yes, candy bar wrappers make lousy (not to mention painful) substitutes for the real thing. Condoms are engineered for sex – plastic wrap is designed to cover your

leftover lasagna. Bottom line: if you don't have the genuine article, it's best to skip sex.

Yeah, we know, condoms can be expensive. We're trying to take away that argument, though. Here at Campus Health we're running Free Condom Fridays each and every Friday during the semester from 12-2pm. You can also pick up a pack of 100 condoms for a mere \$14.99 from the CHS Pharmacy and bill it to your bursar's. Think of it this way – at that price, a few condoms will run you no more than a couple balloons and several feet of plastic wrap.



Have a question? Send it to sextalk@email.arizona.edu

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