

# Planned Parenthood's Philosophy – Your Child Decides when Mature enough to have sex... .... Increases Risk of Sexual Transmitted Diseases

## What Planned Parenthood says:

We all care about protecting ourselves and the ones we love. For sexually active people that means practicing safer sex. We can use it to reduce our risk of getting [sexually transmitted diseases \(STDs\)](#). **It lets us protect ourselves — and our partners — while we enjoy [sex play](#) with them. Safer sex is for responsible people who care about their and their partners' pleasure and health.**

### Safer Sex ("Safe Sex") at a Glance

- Reduces our risk of getting a sexually transmitted disease (STD)
- Using condoms makes vaginal or anal intercourse safer sex ...  
([/www.plannedparenthood.org/health-topics/stds-hiv-safer-sex/safer-sex-4263.htm](http://www.plannedparenthood.org/health-topics/stds-hiv-safer-sex/safer-sex-4263.htm))

“Expect to have **HPV** once you become sexually intimate – all of us get it”  
(Dr. Vanessa Cullins, VP of Medical Affairs)

“Young people living with **HIV** have the right to decide **if**, when and how to disclose their HIV status.” “Healthy, Happy, Hot” by International Planned Parenthood Federation, p3

## The Reality:

- The International Agency for Research on Cancer lists the following as a **Group 1 Carcinogen** (cancer causing agent):
  - ◆ Human immunodeficiency virus (**HIV**) type 1 (infection with)
  - ◆ Human papillomavirus (**HPV**) types 16, 18, 31, 33, 35, 39, 45, 51, 52, 56, 58, 59 and 66  
([www.cancer.org/Cancer/CancerCauses/](http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/CancerCauses/))
- The Center for Disease Control says “persons who are infected with STDs are more likely than uninfected persons to acquire HIV infection.” ([www.cdc.gov/std/hiv/default.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/std/hiv/default.htm))
- CDC estimates that there are approximately 19 million **new** STD infections (Chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis) each year, which cost the U.S. healthcare system \$16.4 billion annually and cost individuals even more in terms of acute and long-term health consequences. (<http://www.cdc.gov/std/stats09/trends.htm>)

***Caring medical professionals discourage the actual high risk behaviors – not just reduce likelihood. Not Planned Parenthood.***

***Condoms and frequent tests do not prevent STDs – abstinence does.***