

WHY YOU'RE AN STD RISK

TOP RISK FACTORS FOR ACQUIRING AN STD

UNPROTECTED SEX

Although not a guarantee in contracting **STD**, unprotected sex increase the chance to get an **STD** among sexually active people.

BEING UNDER 25 YEARS OLD

Young women are more biologically susceptible to **STDs** than older women.

ILLICIT DRUG USE

Drug influence makes easier to engage in risky sexual behaviors. Also, injection drug use increases risk of blood-borne diseases.

SERIAL MONOGAMY

People who practice serial monogamy are likely to be tempted to stop using safer sex precautions.

MULTIPLE PARTNERS

The more partners you have, the more likely it is that you will be exposed to an **STD**.

ALCOHOL USE

People who use alcohol on a regular basis, particularly in social situations, may be less discriminating about whom they choose to have sex with.

TRADING SEX FOR MONEY / DRUGS

People who trade sex for money or drugs may not be sufficiently empowered to negotiate that that sex be safer sex.

HAVING AN STD

Having one **STD** frequently makes a person more susceptible to infection by other **STDs**.

