



do the
math

Why survey **sex** NOW?

Infections have been rising.
At least 158 gay men in BC got HIV
in 2002 – a 52% increase since
2000.

Why?

It's a question of prevention...
What's happening with
sexual safety in BC?

When infections rise so does
your **risk**.

Consider this: the more guys
who have HIV, the greater
your chance of getting it
through unprotected
anal sex.

That's why fucking without
condoms can be risky if
you don't know your
partner's status.

Do you ?

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KNOW?

sex NOW brought together a large sample of men interested in other men...

Guys surveyed 1854

Residence

Vancouver 1182

Victoria 263

Prince George 59

Other BC 80

Non BC 258

Age

15-29 26%

30-44 51%

45+ 23%

Relationship

single 52%

partnered 48%

HIV status

negative 76%

positive 13%

never tested 11%

Where do you fit in?

sex NOW found
more similarities
among us than

differences.

No matter where we live, our identities,
education or background...

we're all up to the same
kinds of stuff.

Guys who had more partners
often had riskier sex and
used more drugs.

**Why is that
happening?**

SEX

sex NOW pictured gay sex as we rarely see it.

Here's how we shaped up in the last year:

Percent who enjoyed fucking: **84%**

Percent who fucked with more than one guy: **57%**

Percent who fucked with a guy of **unknown HIV status** without condoms: **27%**

Percent who fucked with **more than one guy of unknown HIV status** without condoms: **15%**

Where does that put you?

sex NOW found barebacking less common than it may seem.

But...

The number of guys who fucked without condoms increased by **25%** since 2000, and At least 1 in 4 guys fucked raw with unknown status partners last year.

That's **risky**.

Do you know

who

you're

fucking

with?

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sex NOW showed
sexual safety is
more than just
condoms...

- ∞ **9 out of 10** guys had tested for HIV,
- ∞ **2 out of 5** in the last six months,
- ∞ **1 out of 5** in the last year.

Guys with more partners,
tested more frequently.

How often are you testing?

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∞ **2 out of 3** guys in relationships were fucking **raw**,

but...

∞ **9 out of 10** knew their partner's HIV status, and

∞ **1 out of 4** had a partner with a different status than their own.

∞ **1 in 2** guys had agreements not to have sex with anyone else, and

∞ **2 out of 5** made a specific agreement about sex with others.

∞ **1 in 6** hadn't talked about it.

Have you?

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sex NOW showed what
settings were
hot.

Popularity	Active last year	Percent of men
1. Baths	623	35%
2. Internet	572	32%
3. Park	503	28%
4. Phone line	301	17%
5. Sex party	265	15%

Guys who had **riskier** sex were more likely to be there: the more often, the riskier the sex.

What does that tell you?

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sex NOW showed that...

we're connected:

- ∞ **2 out of 3** guys spent half or more of their free time with other gay men.
- ∞ **9 out of 10** read the gay press, visited gay bars and social events.

Most guys are playing safe but

- ∞ **for 1 in 6**: the more connected, the riskier the sex.

What's up with THAT?

sex NOW made it clear we

all have prevention needs...

- ∞ 1 out of 3 guys didn't realize you can have syphilis without knowing it.
- ∞ 1 out of 3 had trouble talking about safe sex.
- ∞ 1 out of 5 didn't have condoms when needed.
- ∞ 1 out of 6 didn't have the confidence to say "no" to unsafe sex.

Hardly anyone knew infections were rising.

What about you?

P R E V E N T I O N

sex NOW uncovered a great

MISPERCEPTION.

- ∞ **7 out of 10** guys agreed:
“a man with HIV should tell his status before sex”.
- ∞ **6 out of 10** guys visiting the baths thought so too.

Disclosure is a lot to expect in some scenes and not always clear.

Are you leaving safety to the
other guy?

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sex NOW showed

we have a culture
in common...

Gay health depends on all of us.

- ∞ Keep testing.
- ∞ Take care of each other.
- ∞ Talk over HIV status supportively.
- ∞ Make agreements you can keep.
- ∞ Be consistent with safety.
- ∞ Stay informed.

The
POWER
is
yours.

GOT IT?

So, what **IS** happening with sexual safety in BC?

- The risks are increasing not decreasing...

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math.

Are you ready for **sex NOW?**

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