Does sharing mean caring?

Tell us what you would do if a stranger asked you for a condom. Would you offer him or her a ONE® Condom—or tell them where to get ONE® of their own? Be creative—go beyond just 'yes' or 'no.' answers. Ready, set—share!

“A condom”, you say? Of course I would give a stranger a condom if they asked! I would give them a condom even if they didn’t ask!

Condoms should be as common as boxes of Kleenex tissues and hand sanitizer. They aren’t. This bothers me. Condoms are good. Period. Enough said.

I was taught to protect myself from many things. “Wash your hands.” “Walk with a friend.” “Eat your veggies.” The list goes on and on. However, I was never taught to use a condom. My family and my society did me an injustice there.

I was a teenager before the time of HIV/AIDS. Condoms were the last thing on our minds back then. Now it is a different world of risk when it comes to sex. Statistics are frightening. Half of all new HIV infections in the US occur in teenagers. Additionally, 1/3 of sexually active people catch some kind of sexually transmitted infection by age 25 (reported by the Kaiser Family Foundation).

I have a teenage son. I will not neglect to teach him to respect his sexual health and that of his partner. I will make sure he knows that condoms are the best way to protect him and his partner from STD’s, including HIV/AIDS, and unintended pregnancy.

In my house condoms are just part of a normal stocking up of the medicine cabinet, or an impulse purchase because a certain branding message or “cool” factor made me want to buy them. There is no shame about sex or condoms in my house!

I’d be thrilled if a stranger asked me for a condom. That would be an easy request to fill. What is harder is getting condoms into the hands of people who don’t normally use them.

Stigma surrounding condom use is hard to tackle with a square condom in a foil package that looks like something a doctor’s office would give you. It takes a “cool” company like ONE® to get condoms into the bedrooms of young people. ONE® condoms are easy to share – their unique packaging makes them so much more attractive than the condoms in the plain square packages. When you have such a great package it’s easy to sell the idea that condoms are fun, easy to use, come in various sizes, shapes, colors, textures, lubes. The ONE® design contest gives individuals a chance to express their own unique visions as art that makes a difference.

The variety of ONE® condoms offers something for everyone, and all the fun stuff you could ever want. No more excuses like “It feels different”, or “they are too small”. ONE® offers larger sized condoms, condoms with pleasure enhancers, thinner condoms, condoms designed for more comfort, and a glow-in-the-dark condom. There are even condom tins and cases for the girls.
ONE® condoms are also socially responsible. With every purchase of ONE® Condoms, they will make a donation to support mobile HIV testing, counseling and drug treatment in African communities, which is disproportionately affected by the HIV/AIDS pandemic. When you purchase ONE® Condoms you are making a contribution to world health. Does caring mean sharing? You bet it does!

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