

Did you know?

# Syphilis can affect everybody.



**Syphilis** is a serious sexually transmitted infection (STI) that is passed on from one person to another during sex.



## You might not have any symptoms

Some people might not feel sick or know they have syphilis.

Look out for sores or ulcers, rashes, muscle and joint aches, headaches and fatigue.



## Get a test regularly

Ask your doctor or visit a medical centre for a full STI test that includes syphilis.

If you have had sex or oral sex without a condom get a STI test. There is no shame in getting tested.



## Treatment

Treatment is easy – medication gets rid of the infection.

Tell your sexual partner so they can also get tested and treated. This will stop syphilis passing back to you or to others.



## Stay safe

Practice safe sex – always use a condom with water or silicone based lubricants.

If you do not feel comfortable contacting sexual partners yourself, you can visit [www.letthemknow.org.au](http://www.letthemknow.org.au) for advice or talk to your doctor.



## To talk to a trained nurse

Call the Sexual Health Info Line (SHIL) on **1800 451 624** Monday-Friday 9:00am to 5:30pm.

Call **131 450** to speak in your language. Available 7 days, 24 hours.

Visit the website [www.shil.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shil.nsw.gov.au)



Scan the QR code to find out more about syphilis.