



Condoms in the Health Centre dispensers have been damaged and will not be effective.

This Information Sheet has been created to help answer some questions people may have about the damaged condoms.

1. Have all condoms been damaged or just some of them?

Not all condoms were damaged.

Since the condoms were damaged by punctures, we don't want people to risk using a condom with a puncture hole they cannot see. Damaged condoms will not be effective.

Remember: Always check the expiration date & make sure there aren't holes in the packaging before opening your condom — you should be able to feel a little air bubble when you squeeze the wrapper. If a condom is torn, dry, stiff, or sticky, throw it away.

2. What is the time frame on the damaged condoms?

We were made aware of the damaged condoms on Sun July 9th.

We are unaware of the exact date of when the condoms were damaged, and therefore encourage everyone to always check their condoms before use.

If in doubt, get new condoms and throw old condoms away.

4. What is the Health Centre doing today and moving forward?

As of Mon July 10th, the Health Centre has replaced all the condoms within the Health Centre dispensers. Health Centre staff will routinely check the dispensers to make sure there are no further damaged condoms, and determine further steps as needed

5. How can I make sure a condom from the Health Centre is safe?

The Health Centre staff will be routinely checking condom dispensers to ensure condoms are not damaged. If more damaged condoms are found, we will look into alternative options.

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6. What do I do if I need a condom today? How can I access them?

Condoms are available at the Health Centre in the various washrooms, or ask Health Centre staff for some. The Saugeen Gas Bar and Rec Centre also have condoms available in their washrooms, and some Band Buildings.

If you or your partner may have used a damaged condom, please contact the Health Centre. Damaged condoms may put you at risk for unplanned pregnancy or sexually transmitted infections.

Testing, Counselling and Support are available.

Condoms are still one of the best ways to greatly reduce the risk of unwanted pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections.