



# Be Safe: Prevent Sexually Transmitted Infections

There are actions you can take to protect yourself and those you love from harm. Common safety issues include sexually transmitted infections.

- Be Safe: A Healthy Living Message  
[https://www.prevention.va.gov/Healthy\\_Living/Be\\_Safe\\_Prevent\\_Sexually\\_Transmitted\\_Infections.asp](https://www.prevention.va.gov/Healthy_Living/Be_Safe_Prevent_Sexually_Transmitted_Infections.asp)

## Department of Veterans Affairs Resources

### Veterans Health Library

<http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/>

The Veterans Health Library (VHL) offers Veterans, their families and caregivers 24/7 Internet access to comprehensive, Veteran-focused health information that's consistent with VA clinical practice. Its information, resources, and tools are engaging, "Veteran-friendly" and written in plain language VHL helps Veterans understand and manage health problems, make informed health decisions, and actively partner with their health care teams. Items within the VHL on Be Safe: Prevent STIs:

- STIs: What are they?  
[http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.82197\\_VA](http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.82197_VA)
- Chlamydia  
[http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.85081\\_VA](http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.85081_VA)

- Gonorrhea  
[http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.85087\\_VA](http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.85087_VA)
- Hepatitis B  
[http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.82975\\_VA](http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.82975_VA)
- Hepatitis C  
[http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.82159\\_VA](http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.82159_VA)
- Herpes  
[http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.85089\\_VA](http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.85089_VA)
- Human Papillomavirus (HPV)  
[http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.86183\\_VA](http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.86183_VA)
- Syphilis  
[http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.85083\\_VA](http://www.veteranshealthlibrary.org/Encyclopedia/142.85083_VA)

## VA Office of Patient Care Services

### HIV/AIDS

<https://www.hiv.va.gov/>

Links to HIV/AIDS information for the public and healthcare providers.

## Women's Health Services Information on Zika Virus

<https://www.womenshealth.va.gov/>



## **Federal Government Resources**

(you are leaving the Department of Veterans Affairs web site.)

### **US Department of Health and Human Services**

#### **Healthfinder.gov**

<https://www.healthfinder.gov/scripts/SearchContext.aspx?topic=786>

Information on various types of STI testing, finding test sites and having conversations with sexual partners about testing for STIs.

### **Centers for Disease Control and Prevention**

#### **Sexually Transmitted Infections–General Information**

<https://www.cdc.gov/std/general>

General and disease-specific information.

### **STI–Health Communication–Fact Sheets**

[https://www.cdc.gov/std/healthcomm/fact\\_sheets.htm](https://www.cdc.gov/std/healthcomm/fact_sheets.htm)

List of common Sexually Transmitted Infections (STIs) and links to fact sheets in English and Spanish.

### **The Zika Virus**

<https://www.cdc.gov/zika/>

Links to a variety of information about the Zika virus, including information for pregnant women.

### **National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

#### **NIH–Sexually Transmitted Infections**

<https://www.niaid.nih.gov/topics/std/Pages/default.aspx>

Links to a variety of information on STIs.