COMMON METHODS OF BIRTH CONTROL

Remember to <u>ALWAYS</u> use contraception during sex to protect YOURSELF and your partner from infections and unplanned pregnancy

CONDOMS

- Acts as a physical barrier preventing direct contact •
- Protects against most STIs and STDs •
- Inexpensive and accessible

ORAL CONTRACEPTIVE PILL

- Can be purchased by prescription at pharmacy
- Must be taken everyday at the same time •
- Does not interfere with sex

INTRAUTERINE DEVICE (IUD)

- T-shaped device inserted in uterus by health professional Reversible and long-term (3-10 years)
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- Two types: Hormonal and Copper

CONTRACEPTIVE IMPLANT

- Small implant inserted just below the skin in upper arm
- Discreet and highly effective birth control for 3 years

MORNING-AFTER PILL: EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION

- Use immediately after unprotected sex to prevent pregnancy •
- Available without prescription: ASK THE PHARMACIST
- For occasional use only, not used as regular birth control



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FOR MORE INFO CHECK OUT: SEXANDU.CA



SEXUAL HEALTH RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL STUDENTS IN THE GTA



ONLINE AND PHONE

<u>Sex and U:</u> Website that offers in depth information on all birth control methods, and various issues related to sexual health.

<u>Sexual Health Information line:</u> Offers non-judgmental and anonymous counselling in many languages via <u>chat</u> or phone at: Toll free: 1-(800)-668-2437; Local: (416)-392-2437

SEXUAL HEALTH CLINICS AND MEDICAL RESOURCES Sexual health clinics offer free and confidential services including: birth control, STI testing and free treatment, pregnancy testing/counselling and referral, emergency contraceptive methods, HIV testing and free condoms.

Sheridan Campus Health Center: Services for domestic and international students, including virtual visits with physicians and nurses Brampton Women's Clinic: Free contraceptive counselling and abortion services provided in a comfortable and professional environment Planned Parenthood: Offers accessible workshops and all services related to supporting sexual and reproductive health for newcomers in the GTA

