

Hey, That's Okay!

Peter is a homeboy. He dresses well – he's always clean and sharp. He's got eyes for every girl around. Between girls and flirts, he got V.D.

"Man, that was so scary." Peter remembers. "The doc sat me down and told me about condoms. He also told 'bout serious stuff, like AIDS." Peter knew how to protect himself – he had to use rubbers.

"I didn't want a girl to think that I wasn't cool – 'cause I wanted to use a rubber. But, you know, when I did use one with my girl, she didn't laugh. She told me lots of guys were doing it, Hey, that's OK!"

That was a couple weeks ago. But Peter's been using rubbers ever since. "I figure I got two choices," Peter says. "Either don't use a rubber, an' get AIDS, or use a rubber, an' have my girls.

"Hey that's no problem, man!"

1. **Characterization:** Peter is a homeboy, he dresses well, and always looks clean and sharp.
2. **Membership:** Heterosexual male.
3. **Risk behavior:** Having unprotected sex with his female sex partners.
4. **Goal:** Use condoms during sex.
5. **Stage of Change:** Preparation to Action.
6. **Influencing Factor:** Response Efficacy, Subjective Norms.
7. **Barrier to Overcome:** Did not want his sex partners to think that he wasn't cool by asking them to use a condom.

Strategy: Attempting to use a condom with sex partners.

8. **Positive Outcome:** He used a condom with a sex partner and she did not laugh. He has been using condoms ever since.
9. **Source:** Developed by Dallas Prevention Training Center.