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ethos' resident sex expert will guide you through the ins, outs, and ins of sex at ISU

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Q: What’s the deal with penile enhancers? I know size supposedly doesn’t matter, but I’d like to know if I have other options. Do any of these actually work?

A: There are a few common questions men of all cultures have been pondering for thousands of years: What’s the meaning of life? Is there a god or higher being? What happens when we die? And, of course, how can I increase the size of my penis?

While centuries of deep thought and study by some of the world’s greatest minds have failed to unravel any of the mysteries behind the first three questions, we have made some progress on the great penis conundrum. The simple answer is you can’t increase the size of your little buddy. Regardless of what you’ve read in those junk e-mails (and we both know you’ve opened at least a couple—or maybe every single one of those “Add 3 inches quick” messages), it’s just not possible. There’s no sure-fire, quick way to enlarge your package, money-back guarantee or not.

A quick anatomy lesson for all of you who doubt me: Your penis contains nerves, blood vessels, some tissue that fills with blood as a man grows increasingly excited, and some muscle. There’s no way to make those nerves, blood vessels, or that blood any larger, so they can’t contribute to you getting any more sizable. And while that muscle may sound promising, it’s not the kind you can build up by hitting the gym three times a week. Plus, it would be awkward when somebody was waiting to use your barbell.

So, you can try all the oddly named stretches and “centuries-old” techniques you can find. Send away for the intricate kits involving weights, pulleys, and chafing straps. Administer the exotic creams twice a day. But let’s face it: If there were a reliable way to get bigger, you’d know about it. That’s not something that would stay a secret for long. (And don’t fool yourself into thinking that herbal lotion is working. Any size increase you’re seeing has more to do with the administration than the actual product.)

The only reliable penile enhancer is all around you: the female. Get one to start undressing, and I bet you’ll add at least three inches quickly. Or I’ll refund your money.

Q: Are there any vibrators you can plug in? I’m sick of making late-night runs to the store for more batteries.

A: Actually, in the beginning, all vibrators were plug-in models. But the sex toy developers didn’t let that success make them complacent. They knew they could develop a more versatile vibrator, so that pleasure was no longer restricted to a small radius around an outlet. Success! Travel-sized battery-operated models were developed. This new feature took the vibrator out of the bedroom and into cars, theatres, parks, offices, boats, classrooms... you get the idea. But the funny thing about battery-operated vibrators is that you need batteries to operate them. So if you’ve found yourself rummaging through your junk drawer because your sex act outlasted the Energizer, a plug-in option might be a handy back-up to have around. Surprisingly, none of Ames’ fine establishments carry this type of pleasure stick, but there’s an abundance of Internet sites selling plug-in models. Whatever you do, stay out of the tub.

Q: If we have sex in the kitchen, how much disinfectant should be used?

A: Getting hot and heavy in an unusual place, like the kitchen, can be quite exhilarating. There’s the thrill of trying something new, the risk of possibly getting caught, the feel of an oven mitt against your ass. If it’s a lean-over-and-hold-on-to-the-oven-handle type of encounter, all you really have to do is grab the Swiffer Sweeper and give the area a quick once-over.

If we’re talking about an intense linoleum love fest, you might have to break out the mop and industrial-strength floor cleaner. I recommend a nice lemon-scented cleaning solution. It will help set the mood for your next floor fling. If you’re into countertops (and uncomfortable positions), a larger portion of your kitchen will need to be sanitized after the deed. When you’re done, wash your hands (and necessary body parts), and use your favorite kitchen cleaner on all surfaces you may have come into contact with. Clean up will be a little more involved if the two of you are feeling especially adventurous. The kitchen holds an endless number of kinky objects you might try incorporating into your sex experience: rolling pins, canned goods, aluminum foil, ice cube trays. Let your imagination run wild. But don’t blame me if you never feel quite right using your strainer again or if you always get a little aroused when you see a can of mixed vegetables.

And as far as kitchen sex etiquette goes, it’s always proper to remove your roommate’s dishes from the table before climbing on top.

Q: My boyfriend and I have been dating for several months, but we haven’t had sex yet. We’ve both had sexual relationships before and I really want to get him in the sack, but I don’t want to seem like a slut. How long should I wait before I go for it?

A: If you’re ready, I hate to tell you this, but he’s probably been ready since the first night you went out. Well, maybe not the first night, but he’s probably been ready to knock boots for a while. Plus, if you’ve been waiting for a few months and you’ve been with the same guy, you are not a slut. You are just an average woman who is comfortable with her sexuality and with making the first move. Go with your instincts. Trust me, he’s ready. He’ll choose you over one of his tube socks every time. So, the next time you two plan on going out, tell him you want to stay in instead. Light a few candles, put on some Chris Isaac, and end the drought. He’ll be happily surprised.

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