## CONTRACEPTION



Contraception refers to the methods used to prevent pregnancy.

There are around 14 methods, but only condoms and female condoms will protect you from sexually transmitted infections (STIs) as well.



## **ABOUT BROOK SERVICES**

- They're fully confidential (even if you're under 16)
- They're free of charge
- 'Drop in' and appointment booking available
- Bring someone with you if it helps
- No judgement we've seen it all and simply care about your health

### WHERE CAN YOU GET IT?



Brook runs free, confidential sexual health and wellbeing services for under 25s. These services provide:

- contraception
- emergency contraception
- STI testing & treatment
- pregnancy tests & advice

Our service finder will help you find your nearest service, including Brook: <u>brook.org.uk/find-a-service</u>

# EMERGENCY CONTRACEPTION



This can be used after unprotected sex, to prevent pregnancy. There are two types:

Emergency contraceptive pill (AKA the 'morning after pill'): can be taken up to 5 days later. Available from a range of services and some pharmacies

Intrauterine device (IUD): fitted by a doctor or nurse within 5 days. IUD is also a method of regular contraception

Remember: if you've had unprotected sex you need to have an STI test too!





#### DID YOU Know?

Methods of LARC (long acting reversible contraception) are the most effective you can get. They are fitted or prescribed by a doctor or nurse and can last for months or even years.





Find out more about contraception at: brook.org.uk/contraception