

# Is sex worth the risk?

## 17 Things to know before you make your choice.

### Relationships...

1. The average high school couple will breakup 21 days after having sex. Statistically sex won't make your relationship stronger.

### Depression...

2. Depression runs so high in sexually active teens that doctors are being advised to automatically screen sexually active patients for depression.

### Pregnancy...

3. When couples do stay together, one in five using condoms as birth control will get pregnant after one year.
4. One out of three females in the US gets pregnant before the age of 20.
5. 8 out of 10 teenage fathers do **not** marry the mother of their first child.

### Dropping out of school...

6. About 70% of teens who start their families before age 18 will *never* earn a high school diploma and only 1.5% will earn a college degree by age 30.

### Abortion...

7. 90 % of post-abortive women said knowing what they know now, they would not have had an abortion.
8. 95% percent didn't feel they had received enough information prior to their abortions.
9. Different abortion procedures carry different risks – no abortion is risk free, easy, or simple. If you are considering an abortion make sure you know the risks and side effects first and make an educated decision, not an emotional one. Your health and future depend on it.

### Sexually Transmitted Diseases...

10. STD's are the most common diseases in America next to the common cold and flu.
11. 1 in 4 teen age girls already have at least one STD.
12. You are three times more likely to get an STD than to get pregnant.
13. About 50% percent of all STD's occur in people under the age of 25.
14. There are 27 different STD's and 11 of them are incurable.
15. Chlamydia the most common STD has no symptoms 50% of the time in men and 75% of the time in women. You could already have it and not even know it.

### Don't take our word for it...

16. Two out three sexually experienced teens wish that they would have waited longer before having sex
17. Everybody is NOT doing it; in fact, most High School Students are still virgins. Statistics do vary, but, the CDC reports that about 57% of high school student have not had sex yet and The National Center for Health Statistics reports that 68% of guys and 67% of girls ages 15-17 have never had sexual intercourse.

**It's your life; don't let anyone else decide how you will live it now or have to live it in the future.**

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