

The Essential
SEX VENUE ETIQUETTE
(And Resource Guide)

For America's Gay and Bisexual Young Men

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DISCLAIMER: As the pioneer of the first HIV +and HIV-negative only sex venues and the first non-clinical HIV+ social support network in America, the information covered in this guide spans more than 15 years of personal first hand experiences, notes, observations, and research. However, other information for this guide came from a wide range of sources, and any similarities are accidental and unintentional. Furthermore, NO American HIV agency, organization, “expert,” or “professional” contributed to or support this publication even though they had an opportunity to do so.

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DEDICATION

There are points of evolution within every social, sexual and medical breakthrough known to mankind, that pivot around significant events that define all that follows.

When Boy Toys – NY, Brandon's POZ Party- NY and Brandon's POZ Socials were introduced into the New York City gay nightlife back in the mid 1990's, those gentlemen who attended destroyed the status quo and challenged what was possible in HIV prevention.

This Sex Venue Etiquette and Resource Manual is dedicated to the gentlemen who attended my sex parties – Boy Toys NY and Brandon's POZ Party - in New York City, NY. Boston, Ma., Washington, DC., Ft. Lauderdale, Fl. Key West, Fl. and Palm Springs, California;. and Brandon's POZ Socials in New York City, NY. And to my loyal staff: Victor, Vernon, Johary, Matt and Santiago who helped make every party a safe and comfortable experience for all.

THANK YOU for attending; it was an honor and a privilege to be "Your Host". And if anyone asks, tell them you had a BALL!

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FORWARD

This Sex Venue Etiquette and Resource Guide will be the foundation that all other sex venue etiquette resource guides in America are based upon.

We consciously work to achieve consistency between our perceptions of self, our own behavior and feedback from the world around us. There is a way to change our perception of ourselves and our behavior if we choose to be consciously involved in learning, and have a *desire to improve* our actions. We have to be willing to go outside our comfort zone and challenge ourselves to see the situation differently.

The time has come to keep the promise and take HIV prevention seriously. HIV Prevention messages in The United States must change and adapt to the needs of today's gay and bisexual youth, otherwise the messages will become obsolete and worthless.

“Someday” became “TODAY”.

INTRODUCTION:

Why I wrote this guide.

With the unchallenged popularity of the internet, the simplicity of meeting other young gay men online and the human desire to have sex with or without HIV; the role of sex venues, private parties and one on one sexual contact in America has changed - justifying the need for a *Sex Venue Etiquette Resource Guide* for America's sexually active young gay and bisexual men. For example; if you meet someone online and feel uncomfortable about having him (them) at your place, meeting him (them) at a private party or larger sex venue would be helpful and safer.

You understood that the more you learned about and practiced a topic you enjoy, the more confident and less afraid you became. This is true regarding the sports you play, the music you enjoy and the life skills you learned. Trust me on this; the same type of learning relationship exists between sexual knowledge, practice, confidence AND HIV Prevention; and the more you understand this the more confident you will be about your role in HIV Prevention. This is the reason why this resource guide is so important and the information so vital: To provide YOU with a basic understanding of Sex Venues, online hook ups, HIV prevention and how YOU can create a better sexual experience for yourself and others with confidence.

How will this guide help?

MOTIVATION ~ An energizing psychological dynamic that explains why people behave as they do.

Motivation is the psychological factor that moves people to action and directs their behavior toward certain goals, and motivation helps explain why people behave as they do. People will listen, learn and remember an HIV Prevention message only if it relates to their needs, wants or wishes. As a result, people will change their behavior only if they are motivated and have the desire to do so. Thus by understanding a persons motivation and desire to stay HIV-negative (or to stop HIV if they are HIV+), can also help the HIV prevention message appeal to the common humanity that crosses cultural boundaries worldwide.

Desires and motives vary in importance according to the person, situation and local culture. People who have a desire and are motivated to remain HIV-negative (or to stop HIV if they are HIV+), are driven by their needs and wants. Even when the need is satisfied, people still respond to their

wants. We NEED to stop HIV therefore we WANT to remain HIV-negative, and we NEED to do what we can to stay HIV-negative or WANT to help stop HIV if we are HIV+.

Here is a short list of motivating factors:

COMFORT: The need for comfort involves issues like having enough to eat and drink, keeping warm when cold or cool when it's hot, and being free from pain and harm. Staying HIV-negative helps you achieve some of these by not having monthly doctor or hospital visits, multiple daily HIV medication dosages, the harmful side effects that come with them, and other HIV related issues.

SAFETY: We all need to feel safe from threats, and appeals to this need for safety are based on arousing a sense of fear, for example: Look at the current "No Smoking" ads on TV and in print. That is why HIV medication advertisements do not show the general public images of hospitals, lab testing, dieting and nutritional issues or the harmful side effects. The only images allowed are of people climbing mountains, cycling in marathons and with smiles on their faces.

BELONGING: People need other people who provide acceptance, affection, companionship, approval and support. Our family and friends help define who we are and make our environment a less lonely place, and by getting tested for HIV on a regular basis (once a month or every other month) with family, friends or loved ones can help us achieve this sense of belonging. In this resource guide I will briefly discuss and provide examples of HIV Prevention in relation to sexual groups, and how our need to belong helps explain our desire to join or form social or sexual groups. For example: Just Google or go on Face Book, YouTube or Twitter and use the key word POZ in the search, and you will witness this social and sexual behavioral change to form groups based on HIV+ Status in action. (*HIV Researchers, this is a research opportunity topic for you.*)

INDEPENDENCE: Although we need other people, we also need our independence and our desire to feel that "I can do this myself". HIV prevention has always been driven and directed by you (the general public) and not of the HIV agencies or organizations. If the best HIV Agency had the best Board of Directors, the best staff and financial support, BUT the community did not respond to the HIV Prevention messages of the HIV agency, what good are the HIV agency or their Board of Directors and staff? We CAN stop HIV today and at this moment ONLY IF we WANT to.

VARIETY: Too much of anything no matter how good - gets dull and boring. 30 years of the same HIV prevention messages over and over again are no longer effective and have failed to reach target audiences, no matter how much funding was issued. Therefore, I stopped reaching out to HIV agencies and organizations, and pioneered this sex venue etiquette and resource guide. By challenging the status quo, introducing a bold new HIV prevention strategy and not taking “NO” for an answer, I am introducing a different method to stop HIV - a Hybrid HIV Prevention Strategy that meets the needs of everyone.

Therefore, your desire and motivation to remain HIV-negative is the glue that holds all other HIV prevention messages together, the key force that drives local and global cultures to continue to support HIV prevention. Please take a moment and think about how this information relates to you personally. Consider how this affects your choices to remain HIV-negative, the people you form relationships with (sexually and socially), and understand the important role you have in keeping the promise of HIV Prevention.

Getting infected with HIV is NOT a “rite of passage” to adulthood. IF you do not take your role in HIV Prevention SERIOUSLY, then all the funding and political support to stop HIV are worthless.

ABOUT THE INFORMATION COVERED HERE.

The information provided here will help make your next visit to ANY sex venue an enjoyable one, and more importantly, you can have access to HIV / STD information and resources or facilities you might not be aware of. This *Sex Venue Etiquette and Resource Guide* will basically cover; what venues look like, how they operate and ways to use them safely or at a reduced risk. Increasing your knowledge of venues and online sexual hookups, will help increase your confidence and desire to adopt methods and strategies that work for you, and to enable you to use venues and online hookups confidently.

An important focus here is cruising techniques. Cruising is the most important form of communication in venues and is usually the first stage of sex. To understand cruising will enable sex venue users to take greater control of their experiences in venues, private parties, clothing optional resorts and online hookups. The information in this guide is designed for guys who are interested in visiting sex venues; from those who are first timers to the more experienced. It will give you a basic idea of:

- What features and facilities you will find in venues, private parties and clothing optional resorts
- Why and how guys use them,
- Cruising tips, refusals and communication,
- How to look after yourself; Understanding sex, drug use and alcohol.

This is a general guide and doesn't refer to specific sex venues in specific states, and it doesn't cover everything you may find in a sex venue. Half the fun of venues is the adventure and anticipation! But, if you are interested in going to venues, you can get an idea of what to expect from reading this.

SEX VENUE ETIQUETTE - GETTING STARTED.

What Is A Sex Venue?

Sex venues (clubs, saunas, clothing optional resorts, private parties*, bath houses) are privately owned businesses that provide a place for gay and bisexual men to have sex with other gay and bisexual men. You pay a fee to enter (a one-time fee, donation at the door for the one visit or an annual membership fee) to use the facilities.

Sex venues are unique to the gay community and have developed a culture of their own, and with the popularity of the internet, sex venues are a great “neutral zone” to meet guys rather than bringing strangers to your place. Probably the most striking thing for first timers is that most communication is non-spoken; guys can cruise each other, negotiate and have sex without saying a word. BUT there are a lot of exceptions to this, and some guys find that they can chat easily to others. It’s the freedom of conversation and anonymity that opens up the shy.

The other thing about venues is diversity - each area of a venue is different from the others, each person uses venues for different reasons and in different ways, and each visit to a sex venue is unique.

Why Guys Use Venues.

The answer to the question “Why do guys use sex venues?” seems pretty obvious - “To have sex.” But this doesn’t really explain ALL the reasons men choose to go to venues.

Some reasons include:

- For no strings attached casual sex,
- As a way to relax, wind down or de-stress,
- Just to jerk off,
- To socialize,
- To meet someone to go home and have sex with,
- To meet an online hook up in a “neutral zone” in case it doesn’t work out,
- As an alternative place that is legal and safe from violence,
- To have sex somewhere that has: condoms, lube, music, videos, HIV & STD information available for free.

*(*Private sex parties are not commercial business.)*

- As a way to meet new friends, a fuck buddy or a future boyfriend (or two).
- As a part of a big night out weekend party with friends,
- To explore sex outside a relationship - either individually or together
- To explore different sexual comfort zones or scenes like SM (Sado-Masochism), FF (Fist fucking), WS (Water Sports / piss), BD (Bondage), Groups, Voyeurism, Exhibitionism, Leather, Rubber, Latex and the like.
- A place to take “working boys”, “male escorts” or “trade” that is convenient, safe and neutral.
- As an alternative to meeting guys in bars or dance clubs.
- As a way for guys who are not “out” to have discreet sex.

REALITY CHECK:

How much you enjoy your visit to a venue will depend on many different things, especially what you expect to get from it. If you go to a venue with a every high expectation that is not met, you may feel disappointed or bitter, particularly if this happens often. On the other hand, having fantastic sex on every visit, expecting every guy in the place to be gorgeous, hoping to meet “Mr. Right” and wanting to connect with someone are pretty common expectations that are often not met.

Therefore, to save you from the disappointment, take a moment now and give yourself a realities check. Consider this: If you have great sex with someone and feel a connection with him, and afterwards he gets up, wipes off and leaves; it would be easy to feel let down, disappointed, cynical or perhaps even angry. Spend a little time thinking WHY HE might be there. He could be happily single, not “out”, in a relationship or any number of other situations. What you might expect from the sex may be totally different from what he expected. Not everybody is at the sex venue for the same reasons as you and if you go with realistic expectations, you won’t be disappointed and you may have the time of your life!

THINGS YOU MIGHT FIND AT SEX VENUES:

Sex venues offer a whole range of facilities depending on the location. For example: A clothing optional resort has more to offer than a private party in a hotel suite. Here are a few you might enjoy:

BONDAGE ROOM - A room with cages, wooden “X” or two and areas where attendees can be tied to as a Slave / Master role playing experience.

CUBICLE - A small room with a door. Generally the walls do not reach the ceiling and they range in size from standing room only, to being able to accommodate a vinyl mattress the size of a double bed.

DARKROOM - A room that has low level lighting and no door. It is designed for public or group sex and may have a large mattress or other furniture.

GLORY HOLE - A hole between connecting cubicles at about dick height. It is designed for one guy to be standing and his dick through the hole, while a guy (or guys) on the other end sucks him off.

LUBE, CONDOMS, AND INFORMATION - Lube, condoms, and HIV / STD information are available at most venues free of charge, and some guys bring their own toys, poppers and bondage gear. In saunas and sex clubs, condoms and lube will be available in all sex areas. Information on HIV and other STD’s can be found on a wall or table and are available free of charge. *(For more information, see the Online Resources section)*

PLAYROOM - Like the bondage room but with a wider range of equipment like restraints, prison bars, slings, padded saw horses, jerry cans, raised platforms and the like that encourage group or “imaginative” sex. A fun, safe way to explore your comfort zone, try new things and safely explore your limitations with confidence .

SLINGROOM - A room containing one or more leather harnesses that is generally hung from the ceiling with chains. A person wanting to be fucked or fisted (FF) lies on his back in the harness, his legs supported in the air by stirrups. The sling makes fucking or fisting easier by exposing his ass for easy penetration.

STEAMROOM - A room that is heated like a sauna, but with water constantly dripping onto a heating element so it is always full of steam. Limited stay is recommended.

VIDEO BOOTH / ROOM - A video booth is a private cubicle with a coin operated TV mounted on the wall. They generally have a selection of channels playing different porn movies, and some might have glory holes. A video room is a public viewing room where seating is available for one on one or group action.

WHAT KINDS OF VENUES ARE THERE?

A sex venue can be a sex club, backroom, private party, sauna or clothing optional resort. For the most part, they have features like private rooms, group play areas, social areas to just chill and relax or surf the internet, videos showing on TV's, a snack and beverage area or snack machines, condoms, lube, HIV / STD information and bathrooms. Some venues offer more than others and not all venues offer freebies.

One piece of advice I'd like to offer (as the former owner of two sex venues myself - Brandon's POZ Party NYC and Boy Toys- NY) I'd like to suggest that if you do go to a venue for the first time, and are not sure if it is a place you will be comfortable with, go anyway with the idea that you'll only check it out. Stay for an hour, and then if you decide you like the place, stay longer. This way you have a plan of action and purpose and if you meet this goal - ENJOY! If not, nothing is lost and you'll leave all the wiser. At the end of this resource guide, I'll explain my "style" of hosting a private sex party and why I felt it was my responsibility to make my guests comfortable and safe.

SEX CLUBS - Sex clubs offer a wide range of sexual activities. They generally have playrooms with equipment like slings, as well as public areas and "themed" events such as: leather night or jock strap night. They may attract a crowd looking for more adventurous sex than they would get at a sauna or private party. Guys wear towels, jocks, underwear, leather or other attire. At a sex club you'll usually find:

- A sling room, group play area, lockers, bathroom, private rooms,
- Theme areas or playrooms that can be rented out for private use,
- A lounge area with tables and couches
- Other features like beverages, snacks, videos, sex toys, clothing and STD / HIV information.

SAUNAS - The main feature at saunas are the wet areas such as sauna, steam room and spa. Guys wear towels rather than clothes and you will also get most of the things a sex club has.

BACKROOMS - Most backrooms in America are attached to adult book stores, bars or the like; however, not all adult book stores or bars (etc) have backrooms. Backrooms tend to have fewer facilities than sex clubs or saunas, and do not have lounge areas where you can sit down and take a break from cruising. This means that guys tend to use backrooms for quick

sex, mostly for the lunch or dinner crowd. Backrooms play gay and straight porn.

PRIVATE PARTIES - Private sex parties are just that, a private party (NOT a commercial for profit business) for a limited number of guests by invitation only. Therefore, you need to be on the mailing list to receive the party invite and details. Private parties are organized by the owner or host, managed by a small staff and held in a private apartment, home or hotel suite. The party might have a theme such as Fisting (FF) or Water Sports (WS or piss) only. There can be leather, jock, twink, Latino, African American or other “themes” and guests are expected to behave accordingly. The host may offer snacks and beverages, lube and condoms, clothes check, music and videos for a suggested donation at the door to help cover the expenses. Each private sex party is different, two examples are: My party - Brandon’s POZ Party NYC - was a monthly private party for HIV+ gay and bi men living in or visiting New York City. While my other sex party – Boy Toys – NY – was a monthly safe sex only party for HIV-negative young men (18-24). More about these two parties later.

CLOTHING OPTIONAL RESORTS - Clothing optional resorts are perhaps the safest place for sex. Not only do they have private hotel type rooms but, they are large enough to provide a much wider range of services and options. Like any standard hotel, clothing optional resorts offer parking for your private vehicle; a public lobby area for checking in, receiving your room key, guest services, information about local attractions, as well as public transportation and local night life information are available for free, online and at the location. Resorts offer Wi-Fi and other internet services - some for free and some with a small fee. Therefore, if you arrive and do not like what hookup options are available at the time, you can go online and invite one, two or more to your room.

Once you are checked in and past the public lobby area, CLOTHING OPTIONAL resorts also offer: pools, hot tubs, outdoor lounge areas, personal non-sexual massage, volleyball courts, fitness areas, a continental breakfast and other facilities and services to help make your stay more enjoyable. Once you check in, you may come and go as you please.

WHAT TO DO WHEN YOU FIRST ARRIVE AT A VENUE:

Young gay and bisexual men who frequent sex venues have a routine they go through when they first arrive, and this helps them make the switch from the outside world. Here are some basic tips and suggestions to consider;

SPEND A LITTLE TIME RELAXING. Once you're checked in and ready, take a moment to relax and clear your mind of whatever you were up to before you arrived. Have a shower, sit in the spa or steam room (if one is available) or just unwind in the comfort of your room.

TAKE A WALK. After your relaxed and ready, you could do a circuit by walking around the venue to check out the action, see how busy it is, who is there, who you might consider having sex with, where the busy areas are and the range of facilities available. Once you have an idea of what is going on and what your plans might be, you can go back and target the guy(s) you're interested in.

GET IN THE MOOD. To get you in the mood for some quality action and cruising, you might consider going to the public sex areas and watch what's going on or watch a porn movie in the viewing lounge. Once you're turned on - ENJOY the adventure.

JUMP RIGHT IN. As the saying goes - Just do it! Remember, most guys are there for sex, so just get on with it.

ONE LAST THING - LIGHTING. Let your eyes adjust to the lower level of lighting while inside. There is nothing more embarrassing than cruising a hot sexy guy, and walking into a wall or tripping down a flight of stairs. (Oppps!)

THE FIVE GOLDEN RULES OF SEX VENUES

The rules or etiquette of sex venues can vary from one venue to the next and from one area within the venue to another. But there are five basic “commonsense golden rules” that pretty much cover all types of venues and activities. From those who are attending for the first time, to the more experience venue attendee, these basic rules of sex venue etiquette can help make sure that everyone has a safe, comfortable and pleasant experience.

- 1) **NO STILL MEANS NO.** Without question, this is probably the most important rule. You have the right to say “NO” to anything you do not want to do and to anyone for any reason you wish, and you have the responsibility to RESPECT others if they tell you “NO” or “NO THANKS.” This covers everything from “No thanks, I don’t want to have sex with you.” and “No, I’m not interested in being fucked.” to “No thanks, I’d rather not give you my cell number.” In short, “NO” is not rejection - it’s exercising your freedom of choice and respecting the right’s of other gay men, and their freedom of choice as well.

Today however, “NO” can mean respecting someone’s HIV status and helping to stop the spread of HIV. Contrary to popular belief, not all young HIV-negative gay men want to be infected with HIV, and not all HIV+ gay men wish to infect an HIV-negative gay man. Therefore, an increasing number of gay men in America are choosing to have sex with their own HIV status. (*See: HIV-UB2, D&D FREE and The POZ CODE in the glossary.*)

- 2) **BE POLITE AND SUBTLE IN YOUR ADVANCES AND REFUSALS.** Unless it’s part of a mutual sexual role playing fantasy, it can be awkward to have someone come on to you aggressively, and it’s embarrassing to be turned down publicly. Being polite means no one has to get embarrassed and you can get on with looking for what you both want.
- 3) **WAIT TO BE INVITED.** Speaking rarely happens before you make contact with someone, so learn to communicate without talking. This may include making eye contact or lightly brushing your hand against him. If he responds positively to your signals, that is an invitation for you to make an advance. Once again however, unless it is part of a mutual sexual fantasy, under most

circumstances it is bad etiquette to just walk up to someone and grope him.

- 4) **TRY NOT TO INTERFERE WITH OTHER GUY'S COMFORT OR ACTIVITIES.** Hogging slings, benches and other equipment without actually using it; blocking walkways, talking loudly and following someone who just said "NO" to you - all interfere with other's enjoyment of the venue. Being aware of these and trying to avoid them help make the experience of going to the venue more pleasurable for everyone.

- 5) **EVERYONE HAS THE RIGHT TO STOP AT ANY TIME.** If something is not working out for you, then you have the right to stop and move on to another area or leave. Be polite and understanding about it, not everyone is into everything and only experience can be your guide. On the flip side to this, you also have the responsibility to stop if someone asks you to.

OTHER CRUISING TECHNIQUES.

Cruising is used to show that you are interested in having sex with someone, and everyone who uses sex venues has their favorite method of cruising. For many guys, cruising is half the fun and a strong reason for going to venues in the first place. Here is a sample of some common cruising techniques you might find helpful, and don't limit yourself to just one or two.

THE LOOK - Simply make and maintain eye contact for a longer period than usual. You can do this in the walkways, changing room, spa, lockers, showers, while having a beverage or anywhere there is enough light to see. This approach allows you to show your interest in someone in a very subtle way, and if he (or they) is not interested, nobody else will notice.

THE BRUSH PAST - If someone you are interested in is standing in the hall or other public area, you could walk past and lightly brush your hand against him. Aiming for his upper leg, arm or chest is usually the best areas of his body and once you make contact, you can either turn to make eye contact or go into a private room or public sex area. If he follows - ENJOY! If not, then respect his freedom of choice knowing you're not his type and move on.

1, 2, 3 - TURN - This is pretty much the same as cruising in the bars or on the street. As you walk through the venue and spot a guy you are interested in, make eye contact with him. As he passes by, count to three and turn to look back over your shoulder. Is he looking back at you? If he is, you can do a number of things: Stop and lean against the wall, signal for him to follow you, change direction and follow him or go into a room or public area and have fun. Word of caution: As you are looking back, be careful not to walk into a wall or trip down a flight of stairs. (*OUCH!*)

STANDING IN THE DOORWAY OF YOUR ROOM - Standing in the doorway of your room is a clear sign that you are ready and interested in having sex. For this to work best, choose a spot in the doorway that allows you to make eye contact with the guys walking past. When you spot a guy that you like, make eye contact and motion for him to join you. If he's interested, then just simply allow him to enter the room.

SITTING OR LAYING DOWN IN YOUR ROOM - If your room or area has a bench or vinyl mattress, just sit near the doorway so that you can see down the hall. If someone is interested he (they) will make eye contact with you and if you are interested, motion for him (them) to join you. If you

are not interested, just turn away or break eye contact. It's your freedom of choice. Another idea is to be close enough to the door (if your room has one) and use it to your advantage. Sit close enough to move it open or close with your hand or foot, and if you are interested in inviting him (them) into your room - just open the door. If on the other hand you are not interested, just close the door. Simple, quiet and direct.

WHEN YOU'RE NOT HIS TYPE (He's just not interested in you)

IT IS A FACT OF LIFE: You are NOT going to get every guy you go after in a sex venue, and not everyone is going to be interested in you. So it is a good idea to think about this and learn how to deal with it.

BE AWARE OF WHY HE MIGHT HAVE SAID "NO" TO YOU.

- You are just not his (their) type.
- He may have just finished having sex and is taking a break.
- He may be there just to hang out.
- He might be "high" or had too much to drink, and not able to get in the mood at the time.
- He might be interested in someone else.
- He may be looking for something specific like a guy into leather, sex toys, bondage or the like.
 - He might be looking for someone of the same HIV status, and made the choice not to infect someone or chose not to be infected with HIV. This is more about your Freedom of Choice, and by choosing to physically break the cycle of new HIV transmissions and your desire to stop HIV in its tracks.

But how will he know your HIV status and how would you know his? One way guys here in New York City addressed the issue at other sex venues was by asking a question: "*Have you attended Brandon's party?*" By asking this simple question, guys would say "Yes" or "No" and thereby discreetly communicating "*Yes, I'm HIV+ and know of Brandon's POZ Party*" or "*No, I never heard of the guy*". (Status Disclosure plain and simple.) More about The POZ CODE (P4P) and Status Disclosure later.

SOME STEPS TO DEAL WITH REFUSALS.

- Face facts: *You're just not his type.*
- Move on to something or someone else, after all there are many other guys and activities for you to enjoy for your sexual pleasures and desires.
- Leave the venue if you feel upset or bitter. You can always RETURN later or go to another venue.
- This is a fact of life and it will happen sooner or later, and EVERYONE experiences it.

It is important to remember that you have the right to cruise him (them) and likewise, he (they) have the right to say "No thanks". Freedom of choice works both ways and is a right everyone has - regardless. Be polite and gracious about it, who knows, he might be cruising YOU later! Keep in mind that chances are that you will refuse the advances of others as well, so act as you would like others to act towards you.

DEALING WITH AGGRESSIVE OR PERSISTENT CRUISERS.

Generally speaking, MOST gay and bi young men at venues will take the hint and move on when you are not interested. But, eventually you will come across someone who just won't give up and can't take a hint, so here are a few tips and suggestions:

- Be clear in your freedom of choice to refuse having sex with someone, and don't give conflicting messages. For example: Don't look back to see if he is still following you after you said "NO" to him, this could give him the impression that you are just playing hard to get.
- Be assertive without being rude. Examples are: Moving his hand away from your body, walking away, shaking your head or simply moving out of the play area until he is gone. Remember, it's a sex venue with other options (and guys) available for your choosing.
- Tell him with words. If he continues to pursue you, tell him straight forward without yelling or shouting that you are not interested. This works best if others can just hear your conversation in case he doesn't respect your choice. In almost all cases, this will get your point across as no one likes other people to know they have been said "NO" to in public.
- But if all else fails - contact the venue staff. This might be an extreme case but it happens from time to time, and the staff is there for you to

have a comfortable and enjoyable sexual experience. That's why venues are in business, for your sexual pleasures and desires.

TIPS FOR FIRST TIMERS

If you have friends who go to sex venues, ask one of them to show you around. As long as you feel comfortable cruising with a friend or two, your first visit could be much less intimidating and more exciting. If you are worried about being seen going into a venue, try one that is out of town or away from where you live, work or socialize. Some venues have a discreet entrance located off a main street and out of view. One idea is to drive by the venue or search for it online, this will give you a game plan in advance for when you do arrive, and provide a better understanding if the venue is right for you.

If you arrive and the staff does not recognize you or you "look new" to them, they might ask you if you understand that you are entering a sex venue. They do this so people do not wander into the venue by mistake and only have your best interest in mind. Generally, venue staff is very friendly and will help you if you seem unsure, nervous or have that "*My brain has a new car smell*" (innocent) look about you. So don't be afraid to ask for advice, directions or helpful tips from them.

Remember, most sex venues are a business providing YOU with a service. If the venue staff seems unhelpful, unfriendly or if you just do not feel comfortable, try another venue until you find a place you enjoy and have fun. Sex Venues (like men) are different and unique offering an experience that not everyone might be into. Therefore your freedom of choice that applies to men and sex, also applies to sex venues and what they offer.

The same rules for out in the streets and other public areas also apply at sex venues – I'm talking about pickpockets and thieves. It is very easy for someone to take your wallet out of your pocket when your pants are around your ankles! Sometimes your wallet or keys could just fall out also, therefore leave your valuables in your room or at the front desk if they allow it.

WATCH AND LEARN

To get the hang of cruising in venues or when trying a new activity for the first time, such as bondage, SM, Fisting, water sports or role playing it is a good strategy to spend some time watching how others do it. Keep in mind these tips and suggestions:

- Where the activity is taking place - the physical location,
- How they cruise each other - is it discreet or obvious,
- Are there cruising strategies that seem to work better than others?
- How do guys move around the venue area? Is there a natural circuit that most guys follow or are guys moving about randomly?
- Communication - how are guys communicating with each other and the tone of their voices?
- When are the busy times and when are the slower times?
- The dress code - is there an obvious dress code like leather, rubber, latex, denim or not, and does the dress code change?
- Do not guess if you do not understand something, ask someone to explain something if you do not understand. There are no stupid questions, only stupid mistakes.

After you have spent some time watching what goes on and you feel comfortable with the activity, feel free to begin exploring and meeting new friends. You could start by trying out an activity and see what's best for you. Remember, just because you're watching does not mean that you are missing out, it's really just an investment in getting what you want in a future visit.

CRUISING - CRUISING WITH YOUR BODY

Body language and communicating without words is the key to successful cruising. It takes a bit of practice to make contact with “Mr. Right” or even “Mr. Right Now”, and there are three main things you need to be able to do:

- Say YES to someone who is cruising you,
- Say NO to someone who is cruising you,
- Actively cruise someone yourself.

Here are some basic ideas on how to do these three things in different situations:

IF YOU ARE STANDING IN THE HALLWAY OR CORRIDOR-

To say YES to someone:

- Return and maintain eye contact,
- Copy his body language. For example: if he is stroking his dick, you do the same.
- Copy or use similar movements while watching him move,
- Nod your head or smile to signal your acceptance of his offer or follow him into his room or sex area.

To say NO to someone:

- Break eye contact and discreetly move your line of sight away from him,
- Use body language to show him (them) that you are not interested. An example is: Folding your arms across your chest or turning away,
- Stay where you are and continue to avoid eye contact or move away from his line of sight,
- If all else fails, just walk away to a different area of the venue.

To actively cruise someone yourself:

- Make eye contact and maintain it longer than usual and a smile wouldn't hurt,
- Use your body language to show interest. A basic example would be to stroke your dick or motion him to come closer,
- Walk toward your room or public sex area and glance behind you to see if he is following.

IF YOU ARE SITTING IN YOUR ROOM OR PUBLIC SEX AREA -

To say YES to someone:

- Once again, return and maintain eye contact,
- Move a little closer to him (them),
- If he reaches out to touch you, return the gesture and touch him (them) back.

To say NO to someone:

- Break eye contact and change your line of sight;
- If he is moving closer to you, simply move away;
- If he reaches out to touch your leg or arm, just move your leg or arm away;
- However, if he insists and does touch you, politely move his hand away.

To actively cruise someone yourself:

- Make eye contact;
- Move closer to him (them);
- When you are close enough, gently put your hand on his leg.
Something that has worked for me is this: Just before I touched him, I asked him “May I?” Most of the time, this caught him by surprise, he smiled and said “Yes.”
- If you think he is interested then continue exploring his body, and consider 1) Staying there for some fun, 2) Going to his room or yours or 3) Going to another sex area.

CRUISING WITH A PARTNER (BOYFRIEND) OR A FRIEND.

This is the 21st Century, some gay and bisexual young men in America who are in good relationships use sex venues for any number of reasons. Some go just to use the facilities like the slings, without wanting to have sex with anyone else. For some, they enjoy the freedom of their love while others watch. Some couples go to have others join in with them, either together or one watches the other as a fantasy.

Going to venues can add extra dimension and excitement to the sex lives of some couples, but it can also create or add problems. So before going to a venue with your partner, the two of you should spend some time thinking

about what might happen and how you two might deal with it - as a couple. Here are some issues to think about:

- Are you going to cruise together or separately?
- How will you decide who to have sex with?
- What happens if you can't find someone you both agree on?
- What happens if someone likes YOU but not both?
- What if you have different cruising styles?
- If you have sex separately, will you be in the same area?
- If you have sex separately, how much will you tell each other?
- How far will you go when having sex with others? For example: If one of you is uncomfortable seeing someone (singular or plural) fuck your partner, will you agree to stick around or leave?

One idea is to have a special word or sign, to show the other that it is not working out. If either of you say the word or give the sign, you can politely stop and move to another area or activity. If you are more experienced with sex venues than your partner or friend, share your knowledge BEFORE going to the venue. Give him a mental idea of the layout, some idea of the services, facilities offered, some basic cruising tips and then a guided tour once you arrive there. If it is his first time, give him time to adjust and maybe have him set the pace.

For some couples or friends, using sex venues together is easy; for others it requires some effort and time. But for some, it just doesn't work out. The two of you will need to be open and honest with each other about your feelings and thoughts about having sex at venues. If it is causing trouble in your relationship, you may want to think about what you are hoping to get from using a venue, and IF it is worth it.

Above all; your relationship (boyfriend or friend) is a special thing, and something to be proud of.

BREAKING IT OFF - IT'S JUST NOT WORKING OUT.

Occasionally, you will be in the middle of having sex with someone and realize that it is not working out for you. There may be all sorts of reasons for this: he is drunk or "out of it", he wants a different type of sexual scene or something you are uncomfortable with doing, he is "unresponsive" to your affection, he wants to have unsafe sex (Bareback) or safe sex, or the "spark" is gone. Whatever the reason, you have the right to stop whenever you want. That is one of the many ADVANTAGES of going to sex venues -

you BOTH can break it off and find someone or thing else without hurt feelings. It's a Freedom of Choice issue that protects both of you from "rejection".

If you do find yourself in this situation, here are a few pointers:

- You could cum quickly; this will give you an excuse to leave,
- If he is close to cumming, finish him off (pardon the pun) then leave,
- If you are in a public sex area, like the video lounge or play area, you can just walk away or say you need to use the restroom. If you are with a group of guys, this is easier because they can continue without you.
- But if you are in your room or his, you could say something like: "I need to take a break for a moment", "I'm dehydrated and need a glass of water" or the direct method "I don't think this is working out".

If it is the sex that is not working out between you, then be polite and treat him the same way you would want to be treated. It's only sex and no one is REQUIRED to do anything they do not want to do.

GETTING INVOLVED WITH GROUP SCENES.

If you want to get involved in group scenes at sex venues, there are many things you can do. One of the simplest ways is to just dive in and join in the fun. To do this, first stand nearby and watch for a moment, then show your interest by moving closer. I just go straight to the point and ask "*Can I join in?*", "*Is there room for one more?*" or "*Can I help you with that?*" Other methods are: making eye contact with someone in the group or gently touch someone and wait until they return the gesture. Take it slowly at first, this way you will not break up the pace or mood of the group. If you are NOT invited to join in, take the hint and move on.

Another way is to START a group scene yourself! You can hang out in the areas of the venue where group activity is most likely to occur - such as a darkroom or public play area. Look for guys who are cruising together or start your own scene with a friend or boyfriend. Another idea is to sit in a public area and offer yourself to anyone who might be interested, then motion to others to join in as they walk by. Alternatively, you can go to a room and leave the door open so guys can join in or watch. The flip side for this is to walk around the venue and notice if anyone has their door open, if so join in or watch.

PLAN AHEAD –

Go to the venue at the busy times. Go when you know that particular themed groups are meeting (leather, jock or college night, etc), use your local gay press or post online that you are interested in getting a group scene together. Back in the mid 1990's I posted a free ad in two of New York City's gay magazines - NEXT and HX. I posted my phone number for local guys to contact me, and a special email address just for the party - A FIRST for the HIV+ community - where guys from around the world contacted me via email. *(To see the actual ads as they were published, please go to www.POZ4POZ.com and click on P4P HISTORY.)*

Most of all BE FLEXIBLE because group scenes can change quickly. Smaller groups can form, pairs or trios may go off to the side, someone may get bored and cause the group to break off, and extra guys may wish to be included and so on. So when this happens, just roll with it. However, one of the many benefits of group sex is that if it gets too intense, you feel pressured or you just get bored, you can simply leave the group. It's just sex and they can continue without you.

MAKING FRIENDS AND SOCIALIZING.

Some guys go to venues for more than the sex, they want to meet others, talk, relax or maybe find a new boyfriend. The unique side effect of my private HIV+ only sex party (BRANDON'S POZ PARTY - NYC) was that guys came not only for the sex, but also for the social empowerment they created while at the party. Guys openly discussed their HIV meds, compared health care provider information, offered housing suggestions, and exchanged personal health issues that they would not normally discuss in clinical group sessions or with their health care providers.

My sex party guests felt safe, comfortable and confident having sex and being HIV+ together and as a result, BRANDON'S POZ SOCIALS was formed in 1998. Their socializing after sex and with the help of the internet later became the foundation of today's HIV+ Online Social networking sites worldwide. For example: Just search "POZ", "POZ ONLY", "POZ4POZ", "POZ CAMPING", "POZ RADIO", "POZ RETREATS", "POZ4PLAY" (etc) on GOOGLE, Face Book, Twitter or YouTube to witness this growing worldwide social and sexual behavioral change first hand. *(To read*

the actual ad for Brandon's POZ Socials as it was published back in April 1998, please go to POZ4POZ.com and click on P4P HISTORY)

Therefore, there are a number of strategies that you can use to help you meet others at a venue, here are some examples:

- Choose venues like sex clubs, resorts or private parties that have lounge areas where you can sit and talk, try chatting to guys sitting in these areas.
- If you are HIV+, consider attending an HIV+ sex party in your area,
- Go to the same venue at the same time of the week so people get to know your face,
- Get to know the staff so maybe they can introduce you to others,
- Go with a friend(s) or your partner and chat with other couples,
- Try chatting with the guy(s) you just had sex with.
- Since the mid 1990's there are a growing number of HIV+ and HIV-negative gay and bisexual young men, who are openly disclosing their HIV status in public. Across America, HIV-negative gay men are posting the "HIV-UB2" (HIV-negative You Be Too) and the "D&D FREE" (Disease and Drug Free) codes in their online profiles, while HIV+ gay men worldwide have been posting our own code.

Within the HIV+ gay community, the two most common are; 1) The POZ CODE (P4P), and 2) The Bio Hazard symbol. Some of us just wear a tee shirt that says P4P, HIV+, POZ, POZ PRIDE or other HIV+ empowerment messages. We have been willfully and openly disclosing our HIV+ status for the simple fact that we CHOOSE NOT to infect others, and to empower other HIV+ men to be open and honest about HIV Prevention. To learn more about The POZ CODE (P4P) and learn how this has helped change HIV Prevention, please visit:

www.POZ4POZ.com . Therefore, if you are HIV-negative and see one of us disclosing our HIV+ status, say hello - we respect your right to remain HIV-negative.

SEX VENUE ETTIQUETTE AND TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF.

DRUGS, ALCOHOL, NEGATIVE EMOTIONS AND SAFER SEX -

Alcohol and drugs (like ecstasy, K, Coke, T, meth, poppers, bath salts and the like) are sometimes used during sex. They can create a feeling of euphoria, self-confidence and intimacy between strangers, and they also give you extra energy and stamina to enhance sexual pleasure. But sex on drugs can sometimes give gay and bisexual young men a sense of sexual urgency, and can make them change their usual behavior or limitations with or without their knowledge.

IF YOU PLAN TO USE DRUGS AT A SEX VENUE -

PLEASE keep these health tips in mind:

- NEVER use Viagra and poppers together! Both work by opening the blood vessels to allow greater blood flow, and together they can cause HEART FAILURE - even in men who have NO known heart problems.
- Some venues can be hot and sweaty - especially if you are in a steam room, sauna, hot tub or crowded playroom. Drugs and alcohol can cause DEHYDRATION. Drink plenty of water, take regular breaks, get some fresh air, take a shower or just relax a bit to cool your body down. Relax in the lounge area or take a walk outside if you are at a clothing optional resort.
- If you are on HIV medications talk to your doctor or someone at your local clinic, and discuss the possible interactions between HIV meds and recreational drugs.
- Drugs can numb your feeling of pain and if you are being fucked or Fisted (FF), be careful about cuts in or around your ass. Check for blood every now and then and STOP if you see any.

Sometimes, guys in sex venues become “out of it” or can not hold their own and are unaware of it. If you find yourself having sex with someone who is reaching the tipping point, and he can not make decisions for himself, it’ll be up to YOU to help made the sex safe for the both of you. However, if he is getting worse and might need help, you need to tell the staff so he can get the medical help needed. A good idea is to have a friend or fuck buddy with you who does NOT do drugs as a “*designated driver*” – for a lack of a better term - and watch your behavior just in case. Moderation is the key - if

we can have a *designated driver for drinking and driving*, then a *designated sex partner* (who does NOT do drugs) for sex is basic commonsense.

VITALLY IMPORTANT: If we (the gay community) can not take care of ourselves, then the city, state and federal government would be HAPPY to make laws against us. Drugs and sex are OUR problem, so let us take care of it OUR WAY.

SAFER SEX IN VENUES FOR THOSE WITH OR WITHOUT HIV –

Safer sex for those of us with HIV is: Any sexual activity which does not allow semen, blood or bodily fluids to pass from one of us (HIV+) into the bloodstream of an HIV-negative person. For those who choose to Bareback (sex without condoms, unsafe sex, BB), you know and understand the risks involved and should NOT be upset when you contract an STD / STI or HIV. However, an important issue here is that it is OK to have sex with your own HIV status to help physically break the cycle of new HIV transmissions, and to stop the spread of HIV dead in its tracks without expensive medications or their harmful side effects.

Three examples of physically breaking the cycle of new HIV transmissions are: 1) When an HIV+ gay man has safe sex with another HIV+ gay man, NO HIV-negative person gets infected with HIV. 2) When an HIV+ gay man has unsafe sex (BB or Bareback) with another HIV+ gay man, NO HIV-negative person gets infected with HIV. And 3) When an HIV-negative gay man has safe sex with another HIV- negative gay man, NO HIV-negative person gets infected with HIV. Just remember this commonsense fact: HIV-negative gay men who BB (Bareback, unsafe sex) will get infected with HIV, period.

Most sex venues will have free information available such as handouts, booklets, business cards or posters about HIV, STDs, STI's and other sexual health issues. This information can be found in the lobby, playroom, locker area or some other public space within the facility. If you are unsure about anything, just pick up the information and view it later at home or at the venue if you have time. Online hookup sites have a HEALTH section with helpful information and web links you can consider viewing.

As you are beginning to realize, most guys negotiate (communicate) sex without using words. This can lead guys to make assumptions about each other, and not always the correct assumption is discovered! If two guys end up in a room together and begin fucking, it would be easy for them to think "He didn't ask for a condom - so he is HIV+ also" or "He didn't ask for a condom so he must be HIV-negative also." WRONG ANSWER! DO NOT

MAKE ASSUMPTIONS it could land you in jail in some states. Discuss your HIV status, ask about his and UNDERSTAND that this is NOT rejection or hate, it's: Communication, Understanding, Respect and HOPE. HIV Status Disclosure here in America is marching unstopably forward, dramatically tearing down HIV Stigma, and communication is getting easier. (*See STATUS DISCLOSURE in the glossary.*)

Regarding group sex - This can be tricky especially in darkrooms because it can get pretty hot, and it may be difficult to follow exactly what is going on due to the lack of lighting. Someone may go directly from fucking one guy to fucking another without changing condoms or from BB one guy to the next without washing his dick off first. For some guys this is part of the sexual fantasy and a turn on, however this can still cause infections like HIV and Gonorrhea to pass quickly to the entire group. If you are the one getting fucked (bottoming), make sure you see the guy fucking you (the top) use a condom or clean off his dick first.

Otherwise, YOU'LL BE FUCKED OVER in more ways than one.

DEALING WITH REFUSALS AND NEGATIVE FEELINGS / EMOTIONS –

IT IS A FACT OF LIFE: There is a pretty good chance that you are NOT going to have fantastic, hot, life changing sex every time you visit a sex venue - even though you try. Believe it or not, sometimes you may leave feeling down, unsatisfied or depressed. This could be caused by any number of reasons and here are just a few examples:

- Having sex with someone you would not normally have sex with, and only because he was the only one around,
- Having expectations of making a friend or meeting a new boyfriend, but it doesn't work out,
- Having great, meaningful sex with someone and thinking it was an intensely intimate experience for you, then he gets up and walks out without saying a word,
- Experiencing a few refusals or not being able to hook up with someone,
- Being turned down by someone in an embarrassing way,
- Not being comfortable with a guy and unable to just break it off,

- Being in a sex venue without your boyfriend’s knowledge or approval,
- Doing something in “the heat of the moment”, like having unsafe sex or doing drugs, which you regret later.

To deal with these, here are some basic tips and suggestions for your consideration:

- Be clear before you go to a venue what you are prepared to do, what you are prepared NOT to do and who you are willing to do it with.
- If you are having sex with someone and it doesn’t feel right, politely leave and go to another play area.
- Use the bad experience to your ADVANTAGE by using it as a LEARNING OPPORTUNITY; think about what happened, how it went wrong and how you might handle it differently next time.
- Remember; NOT everyone is willing to Bareback (BB, unsafe sex) or do drugs, so be respectful and considerate of those you are playing with. Play nice with others.

SOME BASIC COMMONSENSE TIPS AND SUGGESTIONS -

Sexually Transmitted Infections (STI’s and STD’s)

There are a wide range of STI’s and STD’s that you should be aware of if you plan to visit sex venues. These include (but are not limited to) crabs, scabies, gonorrhoea, genital warts, herpes, hepatitis, HIV and others. There is plenty of information about these available free of charge online, at the venue, your local clinic, doctor and elsewhere. Here are some suggestions to consider;

- Thoroughly wash your hands with warm soapy water and if available, take a good shower before and after you have sex. This helps prevent the spread of easily transmissible infections like gonorrhoea and hepatitis A, and it helps make you smell good.

Get regular check ups for STD’s and STI’s. A suggestion would be to go once a month (or every other month) with a friend or two, your boyfriend or a sex buddy because this would be helpful for support and guidance. Remember, when getting a check up (alone or with others) be open and honest with each other and communicate your feelings and emotions. Talking with them is your FIRST and MOST POWERFUL resource available. If you feel you can not talk to them or your doctor

about doing to venues and getting check ups, FIND SOMEONE you can talk to. This was one of the greatest advantages of my sex party - BRANDON'S POZ PARTY NYC - because it was the first time in New York City (and the nation) where HIV+ gay men communicated with each other about important health and personal issues with confidence.

- Be aware of the obvious signs of STD's and STI's on other guys like cold sores, warts, discharge from his dick (besides semen or piss) , blood around his ass and the like. Politely let him know (as not to create a panic that clears out the room), and inform him to get checked. And maybe you should too, just in case. REMEMBER, sight (seeing the STD or STI) is not a foolproof strategy as many do not have obvious or visible signs, and the venue lighting is not always good enough to see fine details.
- If you think you contracted an STD or STI, go to your doctor or clinic the NEXT day or as soon as possible.
- If you are using venues, drugs or BB often, get tested every three months (or sooner if possible) for HIV, and let others know your HIV status. HIV Testing Kits are FREE and easy to acquire from your local HIV agency, organization or clinic. WE CAN NOT stop HIV if we do not get tested, and WE CAN NOT stop HIV if we do not disclose our HIV status to others, and WE CAN NOT stop HIV - if we do not respect our right to Freedom of Choice when we choose to have sex with our own HIV status.

This is respect and responsibility NOT rejection.

CONDOMS AND LUBE –

One of the greatest benefits about going to most sex venues (with friends, boyfriends, someone you met online or by yourself) is the free condoms and lube. In most sex clubs and private parties condoms and lube are located in the play areas or private rooms. However, it is always a good idea to bring your own just in case.

Condom companies make a wide range of sizes and styles for your pleasures and desires, and lube companies provide lube packets from single use to extra large pump sizes. If in doubt, you can always pick them up at your local sex shop, supermarket, clinic or drug store.

Helpful Hint:

Successful HIV prevention is the end result of a physical act (having sex responsibly), NOT from how much money has been raised by riding a bike, taking a walk, going for a run or dancing the night away.

Robert Brandon Sandor 2013

NEW questions to consider about The AIDS Vaccine,

The AIDS Vaccine might be decades away from being available to the general public and at an affordable expense, but more questions about its usefulness are being raised than answered. Please use this hash tag #AIDSVACCINEISOBSELETE on Twitter to discuss this issue online or go to: www.HIV-UB2.net.

The largest number of jobs likely to be created by The AIDS Vaccine will be the lawyers needed to clean up the mess that The AIDS Vaccine will create. 30 years ago, HIV prevention was totally different from what you understand it today – for one, being HIV+ meant DEATH within a year for everyone who was infected.

Society formed witch hunts, families banished their children and siblings, employers fired workers, employers refused to hire us, insurance companies refused to cover us, landlords evicted us and our friends and loved ones slammed the door in our faces. But one good thing rose from all this hate and discrimination – HIV agencies and organizations were founded on the promise that they would stop HIV and protect us with housing, food, health care and support groups. Our cities, states and federal government worked TOGETHER as one to help fight HIV and stop the panic.

But profits over came prevention and HIV remained steadfast, until now-Freedom of Choice cannot be bought or sold. Some questions to consider:

- In America, why are HIV-negative gay and bisexual men required to have sex with HIV+ gay and bisexual men? If they are not required, then where are the HIV-negative only support groups and online dating networks?
- If you are on the AIDS Vaccine, can HIV-negative gay men have unsafe sex (BB, bareback) and still remain HIV-negative?
- If you are on the AIDS Vaccine, is it the condom or the AIDS Vaccine that keeps you HIV-negative?
- If you are taking the AIDS Vaccine and get infected with HIV, WHO can you sue? The HIV Agency or Organization? The HIV “expert”, “professional” or doctor who gave you the vaccine? Can you sue the AIDS Vaccine manufacturer?

SUPPER INFECTION, REINFECTION AND MUTANT HIV STRAINS.

HIV has been around since the early 1980's and one of the ongoing questions being passed around is in regards to SUPPER INFECTION, REINFECTIONS and MUTANT HIV STRAINS. The facts and research regarding this issue pivot on TWO facts that are censored and forbidden to be mentioned to the general public: TIME and LOCATION.

ALL published research data to date (2013) about supper infection, reinfection and mutant HIV strains, never mentions TIME (the mid 1990's) and LOCATION (New York City, NY). The reason why these two facts are not allowed to be mentioned to the general public is simple: IF supper infection, reinfections and mutant HIV strains were a 'serious' issue, New York City, NY would be ground zero of an outbreak of "Biblical" proportions.

Brandon's POZ Parties (the nation's first HIV+ sex venue) began back in the mid 1990's in New York City, NY as a sexual outlet for HIV+ gay men living in or visiting New York City, NY. Even though condoms were provided during the sex party, and safe sex packets given out to guests at the end of the night, barebacking (BB, unsafe sex) was also allowed (a freedom of choice issue). As a direct result ~ and for more than a decade ~ NO major HIV outbreak took place - contrary to HIV research or health department official reports or statements regarding supper infection, reinfection or mutant HIV strains.

Officials from the following health organizations and departments will agree with my statement: The World Health Organization (WHO), The Center of Disease Control (CDC), The Department of Health of The State of New York, The Health Department of The City of New York, The HIV Research Center at Columbia University, and all the HIV agencies and organizations in New York City, NY including (but not limited to) Comuni Life, GMHC, Housing Works, Harlem United and H.A.S.A.

IF any of the above organizations or agencies would like to argue against me on this, I welcome them to join me as a guest speaker at an open community forum, and with the media present. The longer it takes for them to accept my invitation, the more creditability they give me.

CONCLUSION:

Free and open discussion results in better public decisions and a better understanding of "cause - effect" relationships. HIV status disclosure today is a given, it has become an extension of who we are.

In HIV Prevention, appeals to cultural identity and behavior (socially and sexually) can be a great communication tool, and heighten our appreciation of who we are as a people. As a result, this understanding promotes consistency between cultural values and public policy – Therefore, and as a nationwide community, our views and behaviors (sexual and social) are changing to meet our needs at this moment. What was taboo in the mid 1990's is now accepted with respect and hope. Online hookups, sex venues and HIV have now become woven together in the fabric we call Social Responsibility.

Sex venues are NOT for everyone and the only way you will know if they are right for you, is to go for a visit. With any luck, this *Sex Venue Etiquette and Resource Guide* will help make your next trip to any venue or online hook up an enjoyable one, and one that you can have fun at with **CONFIDENCE**. American Sex Venues are diverse places with a subculture that is unique only to America's gay men, and if traveling abroad, consider a visit to one as a learning experience.

Watch what's going on, try out a few new activities, relax and HAVE A BALL!

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Glossary of some Gay Slang & Terms

*(As the pioneer, owner, organizer and host of an HIV+ sex venue - BRANDON'S POZ PARTY – in five major American cities, I've come across many gay terms and expressions. Let me share a few with you. These slang terms were collected from a variety of sources. Terms marked with an * are my own contribution.)*

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AC-DC (Alphabetical code used in gay ads, books, and in Internet chat) Bisexual, sexually interested in both men and women. A gay man who likes both to fuck and to be fucked.

AGE OF CONSENT The lowest age at which sex is legally permissible. Often the age differs for male/male, female/female and male/female intercourse. In the USA, the age of consent varies state by state.

AGGRESSIVE A person who likes to fuck vigorously, even violently.

AIDS (Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome) It is caused by infection with the human immunodeficiency virus (HIV), which attacks and destroys selected cells in the immune system.

A-LIST GAY The homosexual elite that has power, money, and privilege.

ALPHA MALE 1. Previously used by scientists to refer to the animal(s) at the top of hierarchy, e.g. wolves, now used to type human beings, e.g. *alpha geek* = the most knowledgeable computer expert. 2. A dominant or assertive man, the leader among a group of males.

ANAL INTERCOURSE Sexual activity performed by inserting the penis or some other object in the anus of one's partner.

ANONYMOUS SEX 1. Sex between consenting adults who don't know each other and never exchange names or just first name or nick name only. 2. Sex through a glory-hole.

ASEXUAL 1. Absence of sexual drive, desire or preference. 2. Characteristic of a person choosing to avoid sexual activity and sexual identification.

ASS MAN 1. A man or a boy, whose favorite part of the anatomy is the buttocks, the anus, and who is attracted to it. 2. A man with an consuming interest in ass fucking.

ASS PLAY Erotic stimulation of the anus, with the hand, penis or other body parts, or toys.

AUTOEROTIC ASPHYXIATION (or STRANGULATION)

Suffocating oneself via strangulation for sexual stimulation, to increase the intensity of orgasm. A very dangerous and absurd practice that often results in death.

AVAILABLE 1. A person open for sexual consideration. 2. One that has no lover, and could be looking for a lover or relationship.

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BACK DOOR 1. The anus. *"Did you try the back door of that boy?"*
2. The buttocks. 3. Sexual activity; sexual gratification.

BACKROOM An orgy room in a bar, bathhouse, or toilet. A dark room designated for sex in clubs or bars.

BAMBI-SEX Physical interaction centered more on touching, kissing and caressing rather than genital sexuality.

B and D - B & D - B/D 1. Used in gay ads and in books, for Bondage and Domination or for Bondage and Discipline. 2. Sexual activity related to binding or being bound by handcuffs, leather, rope, etc. Similar to, but not synonymous with S&M of which is a milder form.

BAREBACK – BB Having sex without protection; anal intercourse without using condoms. Some men say that barebacking feels better, and is more pleasurable, than protected anal intercourse.

BAREBACKER A man who prefers to engage in anal intercourse without using condoms.

BAREBACKING Engaging in anal sex without a condom, indulging in unsafe sex.

BAREBACK SEX Anal sex performed without wearing a condom. Unsafe sex

BAR FLY Someone that is always in gay bars and nightclubs.

BAT BOY 1. A boy that loves large penises. He likes his sexual partner to have more than 7" of cock. 2. Young cross-country hitchhiker or runaway who will allow a homosexual driver to suck him off in trade or exchange for a ride.

BATH HOUSE Gay Turkish style baths, where sex, orgy-style is more popular than the baths.

BATHROOM THUG Homosexual man. Often used in reference to New York City male homosexuals dressed in popular hip-hop, or "street" fashions. Variant of "homo thug".

BBBJ Bareback Blow Job, oral stimulation of the penis without a condom, without ejaculation.

B-BOY 1. Bottom boy, someone who likes being screwed. 2. Butt-boy, somebody who has a muscular bubble butt and likes getting fucked.

BDSM A catch-all term for a broad array of sexual practices that is used to describe the activities of the leather community. Stands for, in turn, Bondage and Discipline, Domination and Submission, and Sadism and Masochism.

B/D top / B&D top Bondage top. One who restrains, ties up, physically immobilizes his sex partner. He may or may not get sexual pleasure and gratification through the practice, but his partner get sexual pleasure and gratification through bondage.

BEACH BITCH A gay guy who frequents beaches, and resort for sexual encounter.

BEAR A hairy, fleshy, large, virile man, especially in the gay male community; a man, usually somewhat stouter than the average man, who has more body hair than most men. Variations are *Cub* (younger bear) or *Otter* (a slimmer, playful, bearish type).

BELLE OF THE BALL Queen Bee, a queen that always has to be the center of attention; often used derisively.

BI (short for bisexual) Sexually interested in both men and women.

BI-CURIOUS A heterosexual person who is curious about the possibility of experiencing a same-sex interaction.

BLOW AND GO Giving a male a blow job and leaving immediately after he cums inside your mouth.

BLUE BALLS 1. A painful condition of the testicles due to sexual excitement and frustration, without ejaculation. 2. An extremely horny male.

BONDAGE Sexual practice in which a participant is restrained or otherwise tied up, for whipping or other discipline. The use of handcuffs, ropes, and related items, used to physically immobilize one's sex partner.

BONDAGE QUEEN A person receiving erotic/masochistic, sexual pleasure and gratification through the the practice of being humiliated tied up, and then raped.

BONDAGE TOP The partner who restrains or ties up, physically immobilizes the sex partner. He may or may not get sexual pleasure and gratification through the practice, but his partner get sexual pleasure and gratification through bondage.

BOTTOM In general (especially among gay men), the one who prefers to be the recipient or to "catch" (therefore also called a "catcher"), who likes to be screwed, or the person who is screwed. He is still called the *bottom* even if he positions himself above his

partner, and called *passive* even if he is the one doing most of the moving.

BOTTOM BOY (or BOTTOM SON) 1. The younger partner in an intergenerational relationships, the person who prefers a love partner much older than himself. 2. In the leather or S/M community, someone who is usually a masochist or a submissive, relationship, the term "boy" usually translates into "bottom." The term boy or son has no relationship to the age of the person, it is not uncommon for a boy in the relationship to be older than his partner. A top's "son" could be old enough to be his partner's father.

BOYTOY Young lover who is kept, and supported by an older gay man.

BREATH CONTROL (or PLAY) Restricting airflow, by strangulation, suffocation, or other means for sexual stimulation. A very dangerous practice, often leading to death.

BSO (Bi Significant Other) Alphabetical code used in Internet chat, for one's bisexual lover.

BUG CHASER Someone who tries to contract a disease, or AIDS from another person in order to feel he is "putting up the good fight." An HIV- guy who deliberately has bare back sex with HIV+ guys to get it over with, possibly as a form of suicide.

BUILT FOR FUN Refers to guys with an oversized endowment who can fuck and cum several times in a row without having to stop.

BUKKAKE *Bukkake* is a group sex practice where a series of men takes turns ejaculating on a kneeling man. At the end of the process, the recipient usually drinks the semen. There are strong overtones of erotic humiliation in this practice. However, is intended to be mutually enjoyable, pair men who enjoy ejaculating on others with men who enjoy being ejaculated on.

A number of sources have stated that *bukkake* may have a non-obvious risk of infection by HIV and other blood-borne infections such as hepatitis through semen contacting the surface of the eye.

BUTT PLUG A (mostly) plastic device that is inserted into the anus and usually left there to maintain pressure on the sphincter while the wearer gets sexually stimulated in another way. A sex toy designed for anal penetration that has a flared base. Usually smaller than a typical dildo and not shaped like a penis. There is usually a sort of handle on the end that prevents the plug from either getting stuck in the rectum or from slipping out.

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G2C Popular online gay sex hookup site term for: Cam2Cam or Webcam2Webcam.

C.B.H. (Can Be Had.) A prospective sex partner. Used about cruising in a mixed environment such as upscale supermarket or mall, where there has been some eye contact between a gay man and another man of either bi-sexual persuasion or even out with his family.

CD 1. Cross-Dresser: transvestite, a person, and especially a male who adopts the dress and often the behavior typical of the opposite sex especially for purposes of emotional or sexual gratification. 2. Cute Daddy; usually used to refer to an attractive man with children.

CD4 COUNT (medical) The Centers for Disease Control [CDC] and local health departments consider you to have AIDS if your CD4 count has EVER been below 200. Viral load testing, the CD4 count as the principal marker for guiding individual HIV treatment decisions and for evaluating the effectiveness of anti-HIV drugs in clinical studies. With accurate measurements of the amount of HIV in their blood plasma as measured by HIV viral load testing, physicians and patients can make more informed decisions about when to start anti-HIV therapy, when to stop using an ineffective treatment and when to add or switch to a new treatment.

CHAIN FUCK A man fucking another man, who is fucking another man, who is fucking...

CHERRY BOY 1. One that has never had sex, a virgin. 2. Inexperienced at gay sex. 3. One that has never experienced it up the ass in anal intercourse. 4. Teenager, boyish, adolescent, juvenile, young-looking, youthful.

CHICKEN 1. Any boy under the age of consent. 2 Teenager, boyish, young-looking, youthful looking. A young boy, usually with little or no homosexual experience; adolescent or preadolescent. 3. A gay teenager. 4. An adolescent boy regarded as a sexual object for an adult homosexual. 5. A very young person who cruises older people, usually a gay male under the age of 21. 6 .A young person, 18 to 24; an attractive young male. "*I was still chicken in High School when I went to bed with Ray*".

CHICKEN HAWK 1. An adult homosexual who has a sexual attraction to teenage boys or young men. Example: A man in his '40s that goes for young man 18 to 24

CHUBBY CHASER A man attracted to obese men. A slim person who is attracted to guys of a broad or heavy build.

CIRCLE JERK A sex party of mutual masturbation where guys gather for group masturbation.

CIRCUIT The annual string of big gay dance parties in various global locations, including White Party (Miami, Fl.), Black Party (New York City, NY), Hotlanta,(Atlanta, Ga.) and others.

CIRCUIT PARTY One of several parties scattered around the country that are held to raise money for AIDS research. Circuit parties are sometimes criticised because of the amount of unsafe sex and drug use which supposedly goes on at them.

CIRCUIT QUEEN One who does - or better, lives for - the circuit.

CLAP Gonorrhoea, a Sexually Transmitted Disease (STD) caused by a type of bacteria (germ). Gonorrhoea is passed from one person to another during vaginal, anal, and oral sex.

In men: discharge (drip) from the head of the penis, or the anus, discharge (fluid) from the penis for 3 to 8 days (sometimes up to 30 days) after infection. Since the urethra is usually affected in men, the disease is characterized by painful urination or a puss-like discharge from the penis. Pain or swelling around the groin; pain or itching of the head of the penis; swelling of the penis; pain when peeing.

CLONE 1. A person who imitates or copies another. 2. The standardized gay male appearance. In the 70s the look included a mustache, short hair, muscle shirt/flannel shirt and Levi's, good muscle definition. The late 80s -90s included short hair, long sideburns, white t-shirt, shorts/jeans and Doc boots with gray socks.

CLOSET CASE 1. Homosexual who denies that he is gay, that keeps it secret. 2. A latent homosexual; a homosexual who is too timid to participate in homosexual acts. 3. Somebody that knows that someone is gay. But many gay men fantasize that their favorite celebrity is a closet case.

CLOTHES QUEEN The male homosexual who pays constant attention to his wardrobe.

CLUB DATE 1. Unrestrained homosexual; a man with uncontrollable desire for sexual intercourse; one that needs to have sex all the time. 2. Someone that has many sexual engagements in one day. 3. To go to a bar or the baths for sex. *"I have a club date tonight."*

COCK RING Piece of leather (usually), plastic, or brass. The cock ring allows blood to flow in but not out. It is used to enhance and maintain an erection. It is worn around the base of the shank of the penis (sometimes about both penis and testicles).

COCK TEASE(R) 1. A male homosexual, who arouses a gay man sexually, and then refuse gratification *"Eric was the biggest cock tease, would get you going then stop"*.. 2. To lead somebody on and then fail to deliver.

CRABS An infestation of crab lice in the pubes and around your dick.

CREAMPIE The top(s) cumming on the butt hole (ass hole) of "the bottom" and licking it clean.

CREATURE OF THE NIGHT One that would go out to locate sex in the very early hours of the morning. Example: The Meat Rack at Fire Island Pines.

CUM SWAPPING Passing the male semen from the mouth of one person orally to another. Also called Snowballing.

CYBER Short for "cybersex". Private arousing sexual talk or webcam on Internet chat. (See C2C)

CYBERBOY A young gay or bisexual male (18-24) who would post nude photographic material (video or pix) of himself online.

CYBERSEX This is like phone sex, one gets in a chat room or C2C site with others, writes or shows off while one or more guys are masturbating. "*Eric wouldn't have sex with me, but I would always catch him having cybersex.*"

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D&D FREE (*Disease and Drug Free*) A "code" coined by the HIV-negative community back in the mid 1990's, and used online by HIV-negative gay men who wish to have safe sex with other HIV-negative gay men. (See HIV-UB2)

DADDY 1. Older man who shows affection for his male lover with gifts. 2. A man who likes a young lover to whom he plays a fatherly role. It can imply spanking or other discipline.

DADDY/BOY RELATIONSHIP 1. Intergenerational relationships, a relationship where one person prefers a love partner much older than himself or herself, and the other person prefers a love partner much younger. 2. In the S/M and leather community, the term "boy" usually translates into "bottom." "Bottom," in anal intercourse the

man who penetrated, the term has no relationship to the age of the person. A top's "son" could be old enough to be his partner's father.

DAISY CHAIN Three or more men linked together in simultaneous sexual intercourse of any kind, variety, or variety of kinds. *"He likes gettin' fucked in a daisy chain."*

DARK ROOM An orgy room in a bar, bathhouse, or toilet. A dark room designated for sex in clubs or bars.

DDG Drop Dead Gorgeous.

DILDO A tool, most of the time in the shape of an erect penis, for sexual stimulation of men and women, and vaginal/oral/anal sex. A dildo generally refers to a toy with no moving parts, as opposed to a vibrator which includes an electric motor and vibrates.

DISCLOSURE, HIV STATUS* Publically letting others (family, friends, fuck buddies, boyfriend, co-workers, strangers, etc) know your HIV status. Since the mid 1990's, HIV Status Disclosure has increased dramatically due to the internet and continues to tear down the walls of HIV Stigma today. (See: *D&D FREE, HIV-UB2, The POZ CODE and SEROSORTING in the glossary. I am HIV+ since 1983, therefore, I am a First Generation HIV+ Survivor*)

DL (Down Low.) Maintaining public appearances of being straight.

DOG(GIE) STYLE Anal intercourse with the one being fucked on all four, while the one doing the fucking mounts from the rear like a dog would, that is, with both partners facing the same direction and on one's knees.

DOM Someone who enjoys dominating another person in a Domination and Submission scene. A Dom may or may not be a Sadist. Dom is masculine, Domme and Dominatrix are feminine. Frequently used interchangeably with Top.

DOMESTIC PARTNERSHIP An official recognition of partners to honor the union of two lesbians or two gay males.

DOMINANT Strong, forceful, decisive; erotically aggressive, maintaining the initiative in erotic situations.

DOM/SUB Dominant/Submissive. Not interchangeable with top/bottom.

DOUBLE FUCK Anal intercourse with two men simultaneously fucking the same pasive partner.

DP Disabled Person. Used in online profiles.

DUNGEON Place designed for S/M sex activity, including bondage and torture.

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EAT SOMEBODY OUT To stimulate the asshole by kissing, licking and penetration of the anus with one's tongue.

ECSTASY A very dangerous, designer hallucinogenic drug used in the club culture. The drug Methylenedioxymethamphetamine, MDMA.

EVIL QUEEN A bitch. A young gay man (18-24) who must always have things his way. "*Jeffery told me it's his way or The Highway - he's such an EVIL QUEEN*"

EXHIBITIONISM A compulsive desire to obtain sexual pleasure from intentionally displaying, to an unsuspecting stranger, one's nude body or one's genital organs, or being watched while having sex. Opposite of voyeurism (compulsive desire to look).

EYE CANDY / EASY ON THE EYES 1. This is a mainstream term now, but was originally used only for straight musclemen whom one could look at but not touch. 2. Hot, sexy young gay man. "He's easy on the eyes".

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FACIAL When a man ejaculates on a someone's face. Used in the phrase "give a facial."

FBSM (*Full Body Sensual Massage.*) Not usually full service; expect only massage (usually nude) and handjob, but more (sexual) services might be available.

FELLATIO Technical term for cock-sucking. Acceptance of the penis of another person into the mouth and licking and sucking it, thus exciting it (and the subject) by oral friction to produce ejaculation in the subject, whose semen is either swallowed or expectorated.

FETISH An object with sexual significance, especially an object that causes arousal or is used as an aid to arousal. Feeling of great sexual pleasure for an object, body part, age. One has a fetish for a fetish object. Leather, Foot, Twink.

FIST FUCK – (FF) Intercourse, in which the hand is inserted into the partner's vagina or anus. After insertion the hand is made into a fist and a thrusting motion is made.

FLIP FUCKING Versatile, can go both ways, top or bottom. Guys take turns being the top or bottom.

FORBIDDEN FRUIT 1. Any boy under the age of consent, whom having sex could be a possible stretch in prison. 2. Teenager, boyish, adolescent juvenile, young-looking, youthful. (*See: Chicken*)

FOREPLAY Sexual activity as a prelude to intercourse, including kissing, genital fondling, and oral sex.

FRESH MEAT (FM) 1. Someone new to having sex, an inexperienced homosexual. A virgin.. 2. A newcomer. A stranger.

FRIENDS WITH BENEFITS (FWB) A friend, someone you have an on going sexual relationship with, but is not your lover, that you only call on with you are look for sex. "*Jimmy is just a friends with benefits, he is a good friend loves sex, but would not make a good lover.*"

FUCK BUDDY (FB) 1. Someone that is not a lover, that you have a on going sexual relationship; that you only call on with you are look for sex. 2. Someone that is not a lover, but comes together to go cruising for threesomes.

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GADAR This word is formed from "gay + radar" to describe the ability of a gay person to recognize or find another gay person.

GANG BANG 1. An occasion when several gay or bisexual men fuck one after another or even at the same time with a single (willing) man. 2. Mass rape as part of a sexual fantasy where several men take turns fucking one who is held down.

GAY FOR PAY A young man denying that he is gay, who identifies himself as heterosexual, and justifies having gay sex because money is involved. *"I am straight, ye know, I'm only gay for pay"*

GAY ZOMBIE Completely controlled by one's sexual drive. Always seeking sex, you find this type cruising parks, rest stops, Bathhouses, bars, and sex clubs.

GAM (Gay Asian Male) Acronym used in online profiles or texting.

GBM (Gay Black Male) Acronym used in online profiles or texting.

GHM (Gay Hispanic Male) Acronym used in online profiles or texting.

GWM (Gay White Male) Acronym used in online profiles or texting.

GOLDEN SHOWER (WS – WATER SPORTS) 1. A stream of urine used in a sexual context. 2. Urination on a partner.

GONORRHEA A specific infection caused by a bacterium, commonly called gonococcus. It is one of the most common sexually transmitted diseases. The bacterium can primarily infect only certain

parts of the body: the urethra, rectum, throat, and eyes. The vast majority of cases are acquired by sexual contact.

Initial symptoms of gonorrhea appear about 2 to 10 days after infection, although 10 percent of men and as many as 80 percent of women show no symptoms at all. The urethra is the site most infected in men and symptoms include burning urination and a penile discharge. In women, gonorrhea most often attacks the reproductive tract but can also infect the urethra, rectum, throat, and eyes. Symptoms may include burning urination and a vaginal discharge. Infections in the throat or rectum almost never produce symptoms, and infection of the eyes results in pain, redness, and discharge.

If the infection is untreated in women, it can lead to pelvic inflammatory disease, and subsequently some of these women have difficulty becoming pregnant. The disease may result in infection of the joints (arthritis). During birth, babies may contract gonococcal eye disease from an infected mother. Silver nitrate drops placed into the eyes of newborns kill the gonococcus if present. Antibiotics given to both partners have traditionally been the preferred treatment for gonorrhea. However, studies have found that penicillin- and tetracycline-resistant gonorrhea increased alarmingly from 1988 to 1989. Treatment is moving toward the use of more expensive drugs, such as ceftriaxone, to treat the disease. New drugs and a possible vaccine are being developed to combat the disease.

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HANDBALLING / FISTING Anal intercourse, in which the hand is inserted into the partner's anus. After insertion in the partner's anus, the hand is closed into a fist and a thrusting motion is made.

HIV NEGATIVE (HIV-) Having tested negative (not infected) to the laboratory test for infection with the HIV virus. It is best to get tested for HIV once a month or every other month.

HIV NEGATIVE YOU BE TOO* (HIV-UB2) Taking HIV "prevention" SERIOUSLY (*Responsible Sex*) The HIV Negative Code (*HIV-UB2 or D&D FREE*) that was created after the New York City based HIV-negative sex club BOY TOYS – NY was ordered shut down in 2000.

The HIV-negative Code was suggested for use in the profiles of online sex sites where one HIV negative gay male chooses to have safe sex with another HIV negative gay male (see *Safe Sex Serosorting*). A Freedom of Choice issue to physically break the cycle of new HIV transmissions NOW, rather than wait for a cure or vaccine. To help make safe sex SAFER. The sex club might be shut down, but its vision lives on today. A common HIV Prevention, Status Disclosure, Communication Strategy that is lowering HIV Stigma nationwide. Thus proving that HIV can be stopped and that the gay community is MORE socially (and sexually) responsible than the “experts” give us credit for. *One day the HIV Researchers will realize this and begin writing their HIV-UB2 Grant Funding Proposals. (See DISCLOSURE, HIV STATUS)*

HIV POSITIVE (HIV+) Having tested positive (infected) to the laboratory test for infection with the HIV virus.

HIV POSITIVE FOR HIV POSITIVE* (HIV+4HIV+ or P4P) Taking HIV “prevention” SERIOUSLY (*Responsible Sex*) The HIV+ Code that began in New York City, NY. USA back in the mid 1990’s with BRANDON’S POZ PARTY - NYC (see *THE POZ CODE*) where one HIV positive gay male chooses to have safe sex OR unsafe sex with another HIV positive gay male (see *Safe Sex Serosorting / Serosorting*). A Freedom of Choice issue to physically break the cycle of new HIV transmissions NOW, rather than wait for a cure or vaccine. To help support the HIV negative community to remain HIV negative, and to take a leadership role by being sexually and socially responsible. A common HIV Prevention, Status Disclosure, Communication Strategy that is lowering HIV Stigma nationwide. Thus proving that HIV can be stopped and that the gay community is MORE socially (and sexually) responsible than the “experts” give us credit for. (See *DISCLOSURE, HIV STATUS*)

HWP Height and Weight, Proportional. This acronym is used in the ads online or texting.

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IBM (Itty Bitty Meat.) A little penis (under 6”) usually symbolized by holding up the little finger. Used in online profiles or texting.

ISO In Search Of. This abbreviation is used in the ads online or texting.

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JAIL BAIT Any boy below the age of consent, so named because sex with an under age boy could land one in prison.

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KEPT BOY A young man who is living with, and being supported by, an older, well-to-do male homosexual in return for sexual favors.

KINK(Y) Describing weird kind of sex which most people find unusual, non-traditional, exotic or abnormal, but some find enjoyable.

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LEATHER Referring to the community of fetishists and people who engage in BDSM, so called because leather is a very common fetish, and a lot of BDSM-folk wear and like it.

LEGAL CHICKEN A young legal age male, 18 to 24 y.o.

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MEAT RACK A gay male cruising area. A place where one goes to look for sex partners; outdoor setting on a street or public place, often like shopping mall bench or park. For example: The Dunes between Fire Island Pines and Cherry Grove.

MILKING Jerking someone off, sometimes repeatedly, when they're in no position to stop you.

MONKEY SEX Wild, unusual or vigorous sexual activity.

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PNP or PnP (Party 'n Play) Having sex with drug use, often in an orgy. Seen most often in the gay community, slang for Party n' Play. Party refers to drug use- most often G, K, T meth (tina, ice, crank) but sometimes ecstasy (E, XTC, Adam) cocaine (coke, blow, ski, snow), or poppers as well (though the latter is not generally considered a PnP item. Play refers to sex. PnP is considered a scene in itself- sex and drugs. **SPECIAL NOTE:** Moderation is the key and vital. If you do choose to PnP then consider having a friend or fuck buddy as a sober buddy, someone who does not PnP but can make sure you are ok and can get home in one piece. Example: "U into PnP?"

POWER BOTTOM An irresistible "bottom" (passive gay man) who can be fucked (topped) for long periods of time, and without resting in between.

POZ CODE, THE* (P4P) HIV+ Code that began in New York City, NY. USA back in the mid 1990's with BRANDON'S POZ PARTY – NYC where one HIV positive gay male chooses to have safe sex OR unsafe sex with another HIV positive gay male (see *Safe Sex Serosorting / Serosorting*). The POZ CODE (P4P) code was introduced to the AOL Chat rooms in the mid 1990's (*no gay sex websites were created back then*) so HIV+ gay men worldwide could meet, socialize and hook up with other HIV+ gay men. In the years to come and with the internet as the driving force of communication, HIV+ gay men "came out" over-night to disclose their HIV+ status to total strangers. Today, HIV+ social and sexual groups, parties, retreats, cruises, campouts, radio and the like are tearing down HIV Stigma and building up Status Disclosure worldwide. Thus proving that HIV can be stopped and that the gay community is MORE socially (and sexually) responsible than the "experts" give us credit for. *One day the HIV Researchers will realize this and start writing their POZ CODE Grant Funding Proposals. (See DISCLOSURE, HIV STATUS) To learn more, please visit www.POZ4POZ.com*

PT (Prick Tease) 1. To arouse sexually and then refuse gratification.
2. To lead somebody on and then fail to deliver.

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QUEER Originally meaning "odd," queer has been used as a highly stigmatised word to point out or describe someone as a homosexual man. Some older generations, gay and straight, still view and use the word in a negative context. Today the younger generation is reclaiming the word in more political and academic realms and thus reducing the harshness of the word. Queer is now a word proudly used to include gays, lesbians, bisexuals, transgenders and those who choose not to identify with a label or are yet to decide.

QUEER BASHING The harassment of homosexuals, physically or verbally.

(R)

RAINBOW FLAG A gay pride symbol. Designed by artist Gilbert Baker of San Francisco.

RAW SEX Having sex without using a condom. (*See Barebacking*)

RENT BOY A young male prostitute. A young man selling his body to another person.

RIDING BAREBACK Anal or oral sexual intercourse, where the penetrator does not wear a condom or any other protection on his penis. (*Raw sex, Barebacking, Unsafe sex*)

RIM To lick or suck the anus of a sex partner, to lubricate it with saliva, usually as a prelude to fucking the anus; to widen the opening of the anus with the tongue and/or a finger.

RIM JOB The act of licking or sucking the anus of a sex partner, lubricating it with saliva, usually as a prelude to fucking his anus; widening the partner's anus with the tongue.

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SADIST Someone who takes sexual pleasure from giving pain.

SADO-MASOCHISM (SM) Sexual pleasure derived from inflicting and receiving pain, torture, domination.

SAFE SEX Sexual relations where the participants take all the needed precautions to prevent the spread of sexually transmitted diseases, particularly HIV.

SAFER SAFE SEX* Sexual relations where the participants have safe sex with their own HIV status, and thus physically breaking the cycle of NEW HIV transmissions. (see Safe Sex Serosorting)

SAFE SEX SEROSORTING* (Having SAFE SEX with your own HIV status) There are three (3) forms of Serosorting and two (2) involve safe sex: 1) When HIV-negative people have SAFE SEX with other HIV-negative people, no HIV-negative person becomes infected with HIV. 2) When HIV+ people have SAFE SEX with other HIV+ people, no HIV-negative person becomes infected with HIV. Therefore, the cycle of NEW HIV transmissions is physically broken and safe sex is made SAFER. This is a Freedom of Choice issue that raises the standard of HIV Prevention Strategies, and opens the doors to pioneering HIV prevention research worldwide for decades to come. *One day the HIV Researchers will realize this and begin writing their Grant Funding proposals.*

Safe Sex Serosorting promotes: HIV Testing, Social Responsibility of understanding one's role in HIV prevention, Communication of one's HIV status, Respect for empowering society to take HIV prevention seriously, and of course – SAFE SEX. In the decades to come, future HIV Prevention Research will support these claims. IF you do Safe Sex Serosort, it is important that you tell your doctor, case manager or clinic that you Safe Sex Serosort. (See *DISCLOSURE, HIV STATUS* in glossary) (I Robert Brandon Sandor am HIV+ and I Safe Sex Serosort) To learn more, please visit www.POZ4POZ.com

S & M or S AND M (Sadism and Masochism) Enthusiasts derive pleasure from inflicting pain (the sadist) or having pain inflicted on them (the masochist) - but within defined and mutually agreed limits.

SCAT Sexual stimulation involving the solid excrements. (Shit)

SEROSORTING* (Having unsafe sex with your own HIV status)

There are three (3) forms of Serosorting and two (2) involve safe sex: 1) When HIV-negative people have SAFE SEX with other HIV-negative people, no HIV-negative person becomes infected with HIV (This is called HIV-negative Safe Sex Serosorting). 2) When HIV+ people have SAFE SEX with other HIV+ people, no HIV-negative person becomes infected with HIV (This is called HIV+ Safe Sex Serosorting) 3) When HIV+ people have UNSAFE SEX with other HIV+ people, no HIV-negative person becomes infected with HIV (This is called Serosorting) Therefore, the cycle of NEW HIV transmissions is physically broken and safe sex is made SAFER. This is a Freedom of Choice issue that raises the standard of HIV Prevention Strategies, and opens the doors to pioneering HIV prevention research worldwide for decades to come. HIV-negative gay men who Serosort (have unsafe sex) will become HIV+. (**SPECIAL NOTE:** *Heterosexual people (straight) also Serosort or Safe Sex Serosort and one day HIV researchers will realize this.*)

Serosorting and Safe Sex Serosorting promote: HIV Testing, Social Responsibility of understanding one's role in HIV prevention, Communication of one's HIV status, Respect for empowering society to take HIV prevention seriously, and of course – SAFE SEX. In the decades to come, future HIV Prevention Research will support these claims. IF you do Safe Sex Serosort, it is important that you tell your doctor, case manager or clinic that you Safe Sex Serosort. (I, Robert Brandon Sandor am HIV+ and I Safe Sex Serosort.) Please visit: www.POZ4POZ.com for more information and educational videos.

SEX ADDICT A male (*satyromaniac*) or female (*nymphomaniac*), with an uncontrollable desire for sexual intercourse; one that needs to have sex all the time.

SEX CHANGE 1. Sex reassignment surgery. 2. A transsexual. There are two sets of procedures: one for Male-to-Female and one for Female-to-Male.

SEX TOY 1. Any inanimate object used for sexual stimulation. 2. A person perceived as a sex object.

SEXUAL IDENTITY How one thinks of oneself, in terms of being significantly attracted to members of the same or the other sex. Based on one's internal experience, as opposed to which gender one's actual sexual partners belong to.

SEXUALLY-TRANSMITTED DISEASE (STD) Any disease such as syphilis, gonorrhea, or AIDS, transmitted by intimate sexual contact, particularly through sexual penetration.

SEXUAL ORIENTATION One's erotic and affectional response to others with respect to gender.

Sexual orientation emphasizes that some people feel that one has no control or influence over the development of one's sexual and romantic attractions or one's sexual orientation. Sexual preference emphasizes that some people feel that one does or should have some control or influence over the development of one's sexual and romantic attractions or sexual one's orientation.

SIXTY NINE or 69 Mutual and simultaneous genital-oral sex between two persons, whose positions of the two curled bodies suggest the numeral 69. Sixty-nine may be engaged in by two men who engage in fellatio, two women who perform cunnilingus, or by woman and a man one performing fellatio and the other cunnilingus.

SNOWBALL or SNOWBALLING After a man ejaculates in someone's mouth, passing the semen back and forth between partners.

STATUS DISCLOSURE* Publically letting others (family, friends, fuck buddies, boyfriend, co-workers, strangers, etc.) know your HIV status. Since the mid 1990's, HIV Status Disclosure has increased dramatically due to the internet and continues to tear down the walls of HIV Stigma today. There is no one in this great nation of ours who can say that HIV status disclosure is "wrong" or "should NOT be allowed". IF this is NOT true, then all HIV testing must stop. (See: *D&D FREE, HIV-UB2, The POZ CODE and SEROSORTING in the glossary. I, Robert Brandon Sandor, am HIV+ since 1983 and therefore, I am a First Generation HIV+ Survivor*)

STONEWALL RIOT The Stonewall Inn, was a gay bar in the late 1960s on Christopher Street, Greenwich Village, New York City, NY which was raided by police on the night of June 28th, 1969.

The queers in the bar (mostly butches, femmes, leathermen, leatherdykes, and drag queens) fought back, trapping police inside, breaking windows, and setting fire to the bar. Rioting continued for five days.

These riots are generally considered to be the birth of the gay pride movement, although there were groups before that, such as the Mattachine Society and the Daughters of Bilitis. We can not overlook that there were many earlier breakthrough, and defining moments, in the struggle for gay and lesbian equal rights. The Stonewall Bar still stands and is open 7 days a week.

SUBMISSIVE (SUB) The opposite of dominant, a person that sexually submits to another, carrying a suggestion of emotional surrender. Some of these people seek male or masculine partners.

SUGAR DADDY. 1. Older man who shows affection for his younger male lover with gifts. 2. The guy that pays a prostitute. 3. Older man who financially supports a younger gay lover.

SYPHILIS A sexually-transmitted disease, caused by the spirochete *Treponema pallidum*.

The spirochete cannot survive outside the body, so contracting the disease other than by intimate sexual contact is rare. The spirochete usually enters the body through invisible breaks in the skin or through intact mucous membranes lining the mouth, rectum, or genital tract. About three weeks later the person develops a sore, called a chancre, at the entry spot. Relatively painless, it is usually found around the genitalia but is sometimes seen on the lips or mouth, on the breasts, or around the rectum. Lymph nodes in the affected area often become enlarged. The chancre contains large numbers of spirochetes and is highly contagious.

Even without treatment the chancre slowly heals in several weeks; the spirochetes, however, spread throughout the body, and six

weeks to six months later the secondary stage of syphilis occurs, characterized mainly by fever, swollen glands, and a painless, non-itching rash over most of the body, including the genital tract, the mouth, and the palms and soles. Lesions also form in the mouth and around the vagina and anus, and these are highly contagious. Symptoms eventually resolve, and the disease enters its latent phase.

Two-thirds of syphilis patients have no further trouble with the disease and are no longer infectious. In some persons, involvement of the brain and spinal cord will occur from several months to years later, causing difficulties with thinking, sensation, and movement. Patients may suffer skin and bone damage or damage to the blood vessels around the heart, resulting in heart failure and sometimes requiring surgery.

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TEABAGGING Placing one's testicles down onto someone's mouth or forehead. (This word comes from John Waters' Film "Pecker".) So-called because of the resemblance to lowering a teabag into water. This can be gay or straight.

TOP 1. The man active in an anal intercourse, the one who puts his penis in another man's butt. 2. In the Leather Community, a sadist, dom, domme, or dominatrix; the one who takes charge of the scene. 3. To take charge or to be bossy.

TRANSGENDER(ED) 1. Anyone who crosses gender boundaries, including, but not limited to, transsexuals and transvestites. 2. A person who lives mostly or completely in the gender not associated with their birth sex, but who does not identify as a transsexual.

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VAMPIRE RUN Going out to cruise, in the very early hours of the morning.

VANILLA. Conventional, gentle and romantic sex that does not incorporate any S/M or other heavy sexual play, non-leather and non-kinky sex. Non-penetrative sex.

VERSATILE Being able to play all of the active and passive roles in a sexual relationship. *"Eric is versatile, gives as well as receives."*

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WATER SPORTS (WS) Erotic interest given to urine, an urine fetish. Sexual pleasure derived from urination. The act of urinating on a partner.

"WHITE PARTY" (event) One of the "circuit parties," it is a mostly-gay-male party to which attendees wear all-white. The White Party is held in South Beach Miami. Circuit parties are fundraisers for AIDS organizations, although some AIDS activists object to them, saying that they encourage the very unsafe-sex and drug use that sped the spread of AIDS.

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ZOMBIE A person whose sex partner has just ejaculated in his eyes, thus being temporarily blind, and with "whitish eyes".

SUPPORTIVE ONLINE RESOURCES:

Because there are just too many to list here, for those of you looking for SEXUAL RESOURCES (HIV+ sex parties, HIV-negative sex parties, HIV+ men or HIV-negative young men) please visit your favorite online sex hookup site, and use these key word(s) in the search box: *HIV+*, *HIV-negative*, *P4P*, *POZ*, *HIV-UB2* or *D&D FREE*.

Of all the porn companies on the planet, only ONE physically breaks the cycle of NEW HIV transmissions and helps stop HIV dead in its tracks. Hot Desert Knights (HDK) is that one company (<http://www.hotdesertknights.com/blog/hdk-on-bareback-sex-and-serosorting/> Or just *GOOGLE: Hot Desert Knights Serosorting*) Why are the condom porn companies afraid to physically break the cycle of NEW HIV transmissions, and help make safe sex SAFER?

Below is a basic list of some non-sexual supportive online resources you might be interested in knowing more about. To buy more copies of this resource guide, please visit any of the sites listed below.

HIV- negative:

(If unable to access these web links, please go to www.HIV-UB2.net for access.)

<http://hiv-ub2.ning.com/> ~ A grassroots HIV Prevention Strategy for the 21st Century focusing on HIV-negative people through Social Networking, with attention on the HIV-negative community living in or visiting New York City, NY. USA. The site will be used as the springboard for future HIV-negative Online Support Networks nationwide, by providing members special features like:

- ✓ Creating face to face local HIV-negative peer driven support groups
- ✓ High School and College Debate Team topics
- ✓ High School and College Student FORUMS
- ✓ Web links to other HIV-negative websites
- ✓ Supportive Interactive Modules
- ✓ Public Forums and Discussions
- ✓ Personalized Profiles
- ✓ Educational Videos
- ✓ Personals
- ✓ And MORE!

<https://twitter.com/HIVnegativeUB2> ~ Twitter site to offer our nation's HIV-negative youth (18-24) a unique reinforcement platform in “real time”, and by empowering them to use the power of social media to help provide peer driven encouragement. This powerful online tool will be the foundation for other HIV-negative Online Support Networks nationwide, providing a 24/7/365 real time nationwide assistance network when seeking advice or support while:

- ✓ Going in for an HIV test,
- ✓ Understanding the test results,
- ✓ Realizing the responsibilities of the HIV test results
- ✓ Peer driven empowerment to choose to disclose the HIV test results
- ✓ Creating face to face local HIV-negative peer driven support groups
- ✓ And MUCH MORE!

www.HIV-UB2.net ~ Similar to the HIV-UB2.ning.com site, but with a global focus. A grassroots HIV Prevention platform focusing on HIV-negative people through Social Networking. The site will be used as the springboard for future HIV-negative Online Support Networks worldwide, by providing visitors with special features like:

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- ✓ High School and College Debate Team topics
- ✓ High School and College Student FORUMS
- ✓ HIV Research Opportunities (FREE IDEAS)
- ✓ Web links to other HIV-negative websites
- ✓ Supportive Interactive Modules
- ✓ Public Forums and Discussions
- ✓ Online “D&D Free” Store
- ✓ Personalized Profiles
- ✓ Educational Videos
- ✓ HIV-UB2 History
- ✓ Personals
- ✓ And MORE!

HIV+ Positive:

www.POZ4POZ.com Similar to the HIV-UB2.net site but for HIV+ people (gay, bisexual or heterosexual) and also with a global focus. A grassroots HIV Prevention platform focusing on HIV+ people who take HIV prevention seriously. The site will be used as the springboard for future HIV+ Online Support Networks worldwide, by providing visitors with special features like:

- ✓ Creating face to face local HIV+ peer driven support groups
- ✓ High School and College Debate Team topics
- ✓ High School and College Student FORUMS
- ✓ HIV Research Opportunities (FREE IDEAS)
- ✓ Web links to other HIV+ websites
- ✓ Public Forums and Discussions
- ✓ Online POZ4POZ (P4P) Store
- ✓ Educational Video
- ✓ P4P History
- ✓ And MORE!

<https://twitter.com/SayNO2HIV> Twitter site to offer our nation's HIV+ community, and to offer a unique reinforcement platform in "real time" by empowering them to use the power of social media to help provide peer driven encouragement. This powerful online tool will be the foundation for other HIV+ Online Support Networks nationwide, providing a 24/7/365 real time nationwide assistance network when seeking advice or support while:

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SPECIAL FEATURE: For those living in or visiting New York City, NY. USA there will be a monthly "Meet and Greet" social event held for those who are interested in meeting myself, and others who have read this guide. Please visit www.POZ4POZ.com or www.HIV-Ub2.net for dates and details or for MORE copies of this publication.

NOTES, CONTACT INFO:

Use this space below to jot down any notes, thoughts or comments you might have considered while reading this resource guide. If visiting a venue, consider jotting down any thoughts you might have for future visits – Was the staff helpful? Was the venue clean and would you consider returning? If you meet a trick or someone you wish to meet again, consider writing down his contact info, and any notes about him (i.e.: big dick, nice personality, top, bottom, versatile, into leather, SM, WS).

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