



# SHARP News

## Condom Keychain / Compact

A new design of condom keychain / compact has been received by SHARP and is now provided to each newly registered SHARP Instructor (while supplies last).

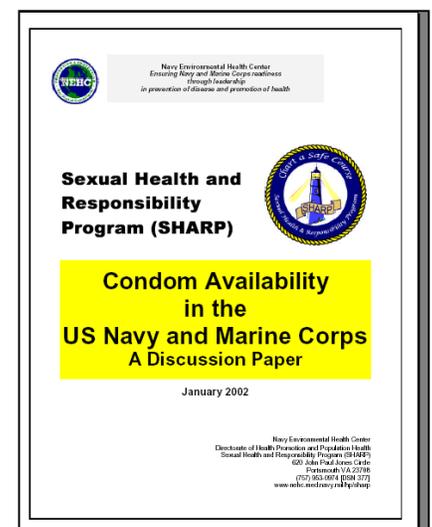
Each contains 2 male condoms and an information card. The front side of the card includes contact information for SHARP. The reverse side explains that **abstinence** is the most effective strategy to prevent sexually transmitted infections. It also states that two uninfected people who have no other sex partners besides each other cannot get or spread a sexually transmitted infection (**mutual monogamy**), and explains that **latex condoms**, when worn correctly and consistently, reduce the risk of getting or spreading HIV and other sexually transmitted infections and reduce the chance of an unwanted pregnancy.



A condom container may promote correct and consistent condom use by people who choose to engage in sex outside a monogamous relationship because it (1) provides a discreet way to carry condoms and thus have them when needed, (2) protects the condoms from damage, (3) contains two condoms to facilitate replacement if the first tears or falls off, and (4) provides brief prevention information and the SHARP website address for those who want more information.

Commands that are interested in purchasing this product may contact SHARP for the list of commercial vendors that we are aware of. The container may be purchased with or without condoms. SHARP can also provide you with a file you may use or modify to produce an insert information card if desired.

For background information on issues that sometimes arise regarding condom access, you may view or download **Condom Availability in the Navy and Marine Corps** from the SHARP website <http://www-nehc.med.navy.mil/hp/sharp/index.htm> (click on Publications and Resources).



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