

Table 1: Comparisons of Mean (SD) frequency of condom errors, failures, and erection loss, by race^a

Condom-related problem	Overall	African Americans	Non-African Americans	Test Statistic
Error				
Contact with sharp object	.28 (.77)	.12 (.52)	.41 (.93)	-1.70 ^c
Early removal	.43 (1.03)	.35 (.95)	.49 (1.10)	-.63
Late application	.39 (.84)	.13 (.33)	.62 (1.05)	-2.83 ^b
Put condom on upside down	.70 (1.26)	.40 (.93)	.96 (1.45)	-2.10 ^b
<i>Used oil-based lube</i>	.91 (1.32)	1.18 (1.47)	.68 (1.14)	1.78 ^c
Did not leave space at the end of the condom ^d	1.28 (1.55)	1.40 (1.68)	1.17 (1.43)	.69
<i>Did not use water-based lube^d</i>	1.15 (1.47)	1.03 (1.37)	1.26 (1.56)	-.72
Did not check for visible damage ^d	1.24 (1.53)	1.07 (1.46)	1.38 (1.60)	-.93
Did not squeeze air out from end of condom ^d	1.70 (1.70)	1.92 (1.75)	1.51 (1.65)	1.14
Failure				
Condom slippage during sex	.28 (.64)	.23 (.48)	.32 (.76)	-.68
<i>Condom slippage during removal</i>	.37 (.73)	.34 (.65)	.40 (.79)	-.30
Condom breakage	.43 (.87)	.33 (.76)	.51 (.95)	-.99
Erection Loss				
<i>During sex</i>	.67 (1.11)	.57 (1.01)	.74 (1.18)	-.67
<i>While applying condom</i>	.79 (1.22)	.57 (1.03)	.95 (1.32)	-1.27

^a N = 87 (40 African American, 47 non-African American) unless item is italicized. For these items, there was a small decrease in number of respondents, due to some participants selecting “not applicable” if they had not engaged in insertive anal sex.

^b = significant at $p < .05$

^c = significant at $p < .10$

^d Reverse coded to represent consistently the occurrence of an error or failure