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Sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS are among the most important of public health problems today.The study examines factors associated with using or not using condoms to prevent sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS mong at risk males.This study should supporting the use of condoms for preventing the spread of sexually transmitted diseases and AIDS. The study was a Cross-sectional research study.The subjects were 320 out patient males at Bangrak Hospital during April to June, 1997. Questionnaires were used to collect information used in analysing the relationship between the predisposing , enabling and reinforcing factors, and whether the subjects used or did not use condoms.

The findings were as follows:The statistically significant factors associated with using or not using condoms were the income,level of education and kind of partners.Discriminant analysis found that the availability of condoms,consumption of alcohol and kind of partners could be used to predict whether condoms were used or not used by 75.56 % .From this study the results can be used to encourage the use condoms by at - risk males, especially when having sex with strangers or women other than their wives. The study suggests that there should be a campaign warning men not to drink when touring night - entertainment establishments, and increasing the availability of condoms.