Language

There's tons of safe sex material out there, covering just about anything you could imagine. What makes it specific to a group of people is the way it's written, or the language it uses.

As transguy, we know what a difference language can make. It can be hard for us to work with mainstream language for body parts that we don't necessarily identify with, or sexual acts that are one thing to us and seem to be another thing to the rest of the world.

Let's throw out some transguy-friendly language here:

- package
- cock
- tits
- chest
- dicklet
- boyhole/manhole
- non-standard equipment

Feel free to throw your own words in there, too. Sometimes the words we use are sexy, sometimes they're funny, and sometimes we just need a word to get the point across.

A bit of random trivia before we go.

- Anyone that bleeds monthly can get pregnant... not just women!
There may also be a short window of time after starting Testosterone where pregnancy may still be possible.

- Testosterone usage has been linked to the possibility of, ahem, "vaginal dryness," which can lead to minor tearing during penetrative sex, which in turn can raise the risk of STD transmission. So remember... plenty of lube!

- Gloveless penetration with hands can be relatively safe as long as your hands are free of cuts and abrasions. To check, rub some lemon juice or peroxide over your hand and fingers... you'll feel it if there's a problem. Just remember to wash your hands for your partner's sake!
Telling your tale: disclosure

Every guy has his own thoughts when it comes down to disclosure, or what some guys call "Giving up the T." Some guys will only be with partners that they know are aware and accepting, some guys are more willing to tread into open waters. Some guys will give up the T as soon as they start dating, some may never tell.

It's your right to decide what's best for you, and it may change in different situations. Just remember, disclosure can be a safety issue... trust your instincts!

Sometimes, figuring out what to say can be the hardest part. Some guys come up with witty icebreakers, some guys are very blunt, some just give a heads-up that their body is different without saying anything at all about being trans.

Some starting points:
- "I've got girl parts, but I fuck like a man"
- "I'm not your average boy."
- "Ever heard of an FTM/trannyboy/etc?"
- "My bits are a little different than most guys'..."

was diagnosed female at birth, but obviously, the doctors were wrong

Let's talk about common sense, baby...
(or, how I learned to stop worrying and love safe sex)

Basically, a little bit of common sense can go a very long way. The most important thing to remember is that body fluids are what can carry diseases and make sex unsafe. So instead of worrying about that long, scary health-class list of what sexual situations are or aren't safe, just remember this:

**FLUID FREE = SAFE!**

The most risky thing is blood, cum is next on the list (anyone's cum, not just from bi-guys!) and lastly, spit and sweat are pretty safe, although there's still a risk there for annoying things like mono or the flu.
Alright, what if...

Okay, so maybe you met someone totally, hot, things got moving pretty quick, and now you've got a bit of an itch, or something. It's okay, it happens... but ya gotta get that checked out. Going to the doctor can be extra scary for guys like us, so now what?

Many cities have LGBT-friendly health clinics. If you don't know of one in your area, try asking around, look in your local gay or alternative newspaper, or try calling the Queer student union at the nearest university. When looking for a doctor, definitely ask around for advice... word of mouth is the best way to know you'll get what you need!