

# PUMP

## Pride and unity for male prostitutes

As we are discussing issues surrounding piercing in this issue, I thought I would go out and talk to someone who has a few piercings, and see why they did it, how long it took to settle, and how they deal with issues surrounding safer sex. So over a pleasant cup of coffee, I spoke to a guy, let's call him Pierce, who has several body piercings, and how that affects him as a sex worker.

(As coffee arrives we got talking)

**C:** So Pierce when did you get into sex work?

**D:** When I was about 19, I think just before my 20<sup>th</sup> birthday. I did it for a short while, stopped, came back to it, stopped, came back, that sort of thing. I'm not working at the moment though- I'm having a break.

**C:** And when did you get your first piercing, and what happened?

**D:** I had my first piercing done in Melbourne by a professional. My left nipple. Didn't hurt as much as I thought it would, but it felt like someone had really been going to town on it for a couple of days afterwards. Clients seemed fascinated by it- really cool. A year or so later, I had a guiche and navel ring put through in Auckland. Flying to Wellington the next day for a family thing was not easy. I had to sit with my butt hanging out over the edge of the seat, with my legs spread apart, and make sure my belt wasn't touching my navel- not easy to do in narrow airplane seats. No metal detectors at internal flights then,

so it didn't really matter all that much. The navel cleared up fairly quickly, but grew out over the next couple of years until it was just through the skin and no more. I took it out then. The guiche is still there. It took about 6 weeks for it to heal properly, but it is a lot of fun. Clients reacted well to that one. A few "what the fuck" type comments, but they got over it.

(Another coffee arrives)

I had a Prince Albert put through the following year. No bleeding at the time, but I thought I had better tape an unrolled condom round my dick over the dressing while I slept. Lucky I did, because I woke up around 3am with the condom full of blood. Had to get up, holding it carefully, and do a quick dressing change. But when I woke up again the next morning, there was no blood at all. I spoke to the professional who did the piercing, and he said sometimes the night time hard-ons can cause that to happen, and asked me to get back in contact if it happened again that night. But nothing else did happen, and it was all healed in less than 3 weeks.

**C:** And how did clients find that?

**D:** I wasn't working when I had it put through. I was working in a café at the time, but started hooking again about 6 weeks after I had it put through. Some of the clients did freak though. When they went down on me, they could feel it through the condom, and thought something was wrong. I was usually up front about having a PA when clients rang. Most were really inquisitive, and made the booking anyway, others were too scared. But the curious ones made up for it.

**C:** What was next?

**D:** I had a hafada and ladder put through in June this year when I was taking some time out. The hafada is a ring, the ladder, going up the underside of the

shaft are all barbells. They're also the smallest gauge I have through me. Everything else is at least 10 gauge, these are 12 gauge. The adrenalin rush having them done was way out of this world. It wasn't until the next day that I came down from it. The ladder healed quickly- about 4 weeks, but the hafada took months to settle properly. I've seen a few people since then, and they were blown away with those piercings. They thought they were absolutely great- the ladder gives a ridged feeling for them when you're fucking them. Only one guy couldn't deal with my piercings.

**C:** Any other plans?

**D:** Not at the moment, but things change <smile>. I'd maybe like to enlarge the gauge and weight on the hafada, but we'll see how things go.

**C:** So, what about safer sex?

**D:** I use the stronger condoms, especially Avanti if I can get them, and I've had no problems. Avanti are slightly larger, so they go over the piercings without any problem, and they are a stronger condom, so there's no worries about breakage. But always plenty of lube, regardless of what condoms I'm using.

(More pleasant talk, catch up on gossip, etc.)

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NZPC ALSO RECOMMENDS SAGAMI SUSTAINING CONDOMS FOR USE ON PIERCED COCKS. FOR MORE INFO SEE 'THE CONDOM HALL OF FAME' ON PAGE 35.

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