

COMMON SEX TOYS AND THEIR DEFINITIONS

Anal beads: small rounded beads attached to one another, made for insertion into the anus. Often are a single solid object rather than actual beads.

Butt plug: an object, usually rounded or phallic with a large flared base, designed for insertion into the anus. It has a flared base so that it does not get sucked up and lost in the rectum, which can often result in a trip to the ER.

Chastity devices: Device meant to prevent intercourse or masturbation. While they were historically either medieval jokes or used in 19th century anti-masturbation “cures,” today they are more likely to be used in kink/orgasm denial. These can range from locked leather underwear to little cages.

Cock rings: Rings that go onto the base of a penis/external genitalia. They restrict blood flow, and there can be overlap between these and chastity devices on website labeling

Dildo: a phallic object made for insertion into an orifice

Electro stim devices: Devices that apply a small electrical shock. They can be large or small, and some companies even have “gloves” or finger pads. These are not for people with heart conditions or any other contraindications, and you should definitely check with a doctor and do research into family medical history before trying this.

Rabbit vibe: A subset of vibrator. They have an external arm that vibrates and an internal arm that often vibrates/pulses.

Strap-on: a phallic object attached to somebody, usually by a strap or band of cloth, leather, velcro, etc. Some will fit over external genitalia. Many designs can be attached to the pelvis, but some can be attached to a hand or limb, which is awesome for folks with mobility issues.

Stroker/sleeve: Also termed male masturbatory aid. I prefer the terms stroker or sleeve because it is gender neutral and more descriptive. These are often designed as a cylinder that encloses the external genitalia, but there are a variety of creative designs meant to provide differing experiences.

Suction-based devices: There’s not really a good word for these yet, because they’re often marketed as vibrators. However, they do not actually vibrate; instead they produce suction.

Urethral Sound: A device inserted into the urethra. Essentially a dildo for the hole you pee from.

Vibrator: a motorized object meant to provide intense mechanical stimulation. It may or may not be designed for insertion.

