

**Table 4. Percentage of selected types of condom failures, and risk ratios (and 95% confidence intervals) for the polyurethane and latex condoms, by duration of use reported**

Type of failure and duration of use	% polyurethane	% latex	Risk ratio
<b>FIRST FIVE USES</b>			
<b>Clinical</b>	<b>8.5</b>	<b>1.6</b>	<b>5.2 (3.4–8.3)</b>
Breakage	4.0	0.4	9.4 (4.3–28.7)
Combined slippage	4.5	1.2	3.7 (2.2–6.7)
Slippage during intercourse	1.2	0.2	7.7 (2.0–102.8)
Slippage during withdrawal	3.3	1.1	3.1 (1.8–6.1)
<b>Total*</b>	<b>9.8</b>	<b>2.3</b>	<b>4.3 (3.0–6.4)</b>
Breakage	4.3	0.6	6.8 (3.5–15.9)
Slippage	4.5	1.2	3.7 (2.2–6.7)
Other failure†	1.0	0.4	2.5 (0.9–9.2)
<b>SIX MONTHS</b>			
<b>Clinical</b>	<b>3.6</b>	<b>0.9</b>	<b>4.3 (3.6–5.1)</b>
Breakage	2.0	0.3	5.8 (4.5–7.5)
Slippage	1.7	0.5	3.3 (2.6–4.1)

\*Clinical failures plus nonclinical failures. †Condoms not used for intercourse because they could not be unrolled or donned, did not fit, were insufficiently lubricated or were defective. *Notes:* The overall Ns for the six-month diary data were 17,799 uses of polyurethane condoms and 20,325 uses of latex condoms. The individual Ns from the diaries for the polyurethane condom were 352 breaks and 297 slip-offs, and for the latex condom, 69 breaks and 104 slip-offs. The 95% confidence intervals calculated from the first five use reports are exact confidence intervals, while those calculated from the six-month diaries are asymptotic.