



Q Can I catch crabs, herpes, or any other icky infection if I get waxed in a salon?

A You cannot contract any STDs, since they are the result of skin-to-skin contact or an exchange of bodily fluids, says David Kriegel, an NYC dermatologist. But you should be cautious of staph bacteria, which can thrive in a vat of wax that's not hot enough. Find a salon that keeps their wax at 99 to 101 degrees and either uses a new pot of wax per session or doesn't allow double-dipping, says Shobha Tummala, owner of the Shobha salons in NYC.