

# What Is A Switch?



For basic definition purposes, a switch is someone who can or does "switch" between roles during play or in their D/s relationship. This would entail a Dominant switching to a bottom role or a submissive switching to a Top role. It should not be confused with a Dominant switching to be a submissive and vice versa. A switch still has the personality that they embody (Dominant or submissive) and rarely switches out of that base person of who they are. However, there are many who enjoy switching roles temporarily for various reasons. The reasons vary from person to person as to why they find switching enjoyable. For the Dominant, many times it's to simply let go of the day's stress and strifes, to simply not think for a while. With submissives, the reasons tend to get more complex. Many times, a switch is a person who is still finding themselves, who they are in the world of D/s, and examining what role they feel the most comfortable in.

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## Switching

Hello first let me start by introducing myself. I am a collared slave. I have been with Master for about 6 years altogether, we parted for about a year and now we are back together. When I first started in the lifestyle I was a little lost as to what I was, I managed to learn many things and progressed through things a little blind, but over all I have made some good choices.

I began as a sub/bottom not sure what I wanted, as I learned and grew I found being those were not enough and began Topping... this I found to be what I was missing.

When I met Master I had a submissive of my own which I kept for a while, but the further I got in with Master the more I did not have use for my submissive. I started to let go and give Master total control, but being in a poly relationship and being a little higher than the other submissive in our family I found the urge to top come back once again but not like before... my sister submissive and I got along very well and she taught me many things as we played... but when playing I always found myself pleasing or giving the sub what they enjoyed, but in turn I enjoyed it also.

Master was always close so the fact I HAD to please Him in what I was doing made it even harder at times, for if I did not do it right, I would have to deal with what He gave out, and please understand I DID NOT mind that at all... I have found out that to be a natural switch takes a certain type of person, not everyone can switch and be good at or even get any enjoyment out of switching roles.

To be a switch you must be able to go between the roles and not have them interfere with each other, sometimes that can be a major problem for many of us...it is not uncommon to see someone sub/bottom to a Dom then in the next scene to Top or Dominate another.

For some people it takes a certain thing or item to get them into the space they need, for me as a slave I know that at all times I am to be in that role, but at times I am required to wear certain things that I associate with being Dominant within my own life... that has proven to be a major stumbling block for me, I have found that mixing the two things together can prove disastrous and make it hard to fall into role... one mind set depends on many

factors within the play or scene being setting up.

Many subs/bottom say then could never Top another, and for many that is true, but there are so many others out there that are confused to feelings they are finding within themselves. I suggest that those who are feeling different things within the scene or when they are with certain people to not be afraid of what they are feeling but instead find someone to discuss them with.

Switching is truly not for just anyone, it takes a strong understanding of the lifestyle and the roles to which you will be playing throughout the evening. With my strong submissive background I know what many items feel like when being struck by them... that is an important part to me, this way I will know what the submissive/bottom is feeling from that particular toy I am using.

When playing with a submissive it is important that the Top/Switch is aware of what is going on with the submissive at all times, being a sub/bottom yourself you are very aware of where that sub/bottom can end up mentally and know what is and can be involved when the scene ends. I know from experience that the after care is the most important part of the scene, if you do not bring the sub down properly it could be dangerous for that person coming out of space without the person there...so with being a Switch I know both sides and what goes on within the mind of the sub/bottom and the Top/Dominant.

I get people all the time asking how I can switch between the roles in the same night, for me many times now I am doing things to please my Master but I also get great pleasure from Topping another. I know there are other people out there just like me that may not know what to do with how they feel. I can be here to talk with and help you better understand just what it is you are feeling. Please click [here](#) to contact me.

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