

Information on the Rights of Sex Workers in Switzerland

Sex work (prostitution) is legal in Switzerland

Sex work is legal in Switzerland. However, there are rules where you can work as a sex worker and where not. There are also rules concerning work permits.

As a sex worker you are self-employed or employed. In both cases you have rights and obligations.

*Would you like more information?
Give us a call: Phone 077 455 78 41*

Pimping and human trafficking are prohibited in Switzerland

No one can force you to do sex work.

No one is allowed to tell you how much you have to work. No one is allowed to tell you which customers (patrons) you have to serve and which sex practices you have to offer.

No one can tell you how much you have to earn. No one is allowed to take away your salary.

No one should monitor you, threaten you or use violence against you.

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Safety Tips and Information for Sex Workers

A brochure from FIZ Advocacy and Support for Migrant Women and Victims of Trafficking produced as part of the project "Stark mit Peers".

FIZ Advocacy and Support for Migrant Women and Victims of Trafficking provides free counselling to sex workers on any issue that concerns them.

We provide counselling in German, English, Spanish, French and Italian. For other languages we work with interpreters.

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Safety Tips from Experienced Sex Workers

Important precautions

Keep a cool head at work. Do not consume alcohol or drugs before and during work.

Listen to your intuition. If you have a bad gut feeling leave a situation as soon as possible

Do not wear scarves (danger of strangulation). Make sure your clothes cannot hinder you. Do not leave any dangerous objects lying around open (knives, heavy vases, etc.).

Inform someone where you are, especially at external appointments. Let someone accompany you if possible.

Talk to your work colleagues/roommates: What do you do in difficult or dangerous situations? How do you help each other?

Select customers and agree on a price

Choose your customers carefully. Be particularly careful with customers who have been drinking or using drugs. If in doubt, say no. Do not do jobs where you are alone with several customers.

Make clear arrangements with the customer: Which service does he get, how much does he pay for it? Always collect first.

Alone with the customer (patron)

Be alert. Always keep control of the situation. You are the boss.

Always keep an eye on the customer. Don't leave him alone in the room.

Inform the customer that your colleague is next door or that someone is waiting for you.

In dangerous situations: Call attention to yourself by shouting and making noise. Alert the police (phone number 117).

Your life is more important than money. Give the customer his money back in an emergency.

Warn other women

Warn other women about bad customers.

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