



PERSONAL SAFETY AT WORK



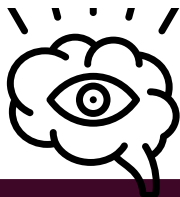
WHILE MOST CLIENTS HAVE NO INTENTION OF HARMING SEX WORKERS, BEING AWARE OF THESE PERSONAL SAFETY STRATEGIES MAY HELP YOU FEEL SAFER WHILE WORKING ALONE. IF YOU FEEL UNSAFE AT ALL WITH A CLIENT LEAVE IMMEDIATELY, IT'S NOT WORTH THE RISK. CONSIDER CALLING 000 IF YOU THINK YOU ARE IN DANGER.

TRUST YOUR GUT

DON'T UNDERESTIMATE YOUR INTUITION. IF SOMETHING SEEMS OFF, IT PROBABLY IS.

WHILE IT CAN BE HARD TO WALK AWAY FROM THE BOOKING, NO AMOUNT OF MONEY IS WORTH COMPROMISING YOUR SAFETY. IF YOU FEEL UNEASY - LEAVE.

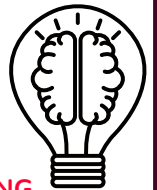
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KNOW YOUR CLIENT

THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO SCREEN CLIENTS AND IT IS BEST TO USE A COMBINATION OF METHODS.

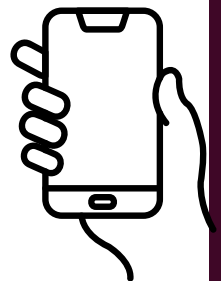
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USE YOUR PHONE

- SHARE YOUR LOCATION WITH A TRUSTED FRIEND
- HAVE YOUR PHONE IN REACH AND HAVE AN EMERGENCY CONTACT ON SPEED DIAL (OR CALL 000).
- PRETEND TO (OR ACTUALLY) CALL YOUR SECURITY/DRIVER AT THE START OF THE BOOKING SAYING YOU'LL SEE THEM AT 'X' TIME.
- MAKE SURE YOUR PHONE IS CHARGED!
- SET AN ALARM THAT SOUNDS LIKE A RINGTONE FOR THE END OF THE BOOKING SO YOU CAN 'ANSWER A CALL' FROM YOUR SECURITY/DRIVER.



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OTHER GENERAL TIPS

- BEING FIRM WITH YOUR BOUNDARIES FROM THE START HELPS YOU MAINTAIN CONTROL THROUGHOUT THE BOOKING.
- ON OUTCALLS MAKE SURE YOU NOTE BUILDING EXITS, AND CHECK FOR SIGNS OTHER PEOPLE MIGHT BE AT THE HOUSE.
- BRING YOUR OWN SUBSTANCES TO PARTY BOOKINGS AND DON'T ACCEPT DRINKS FROM OPEN BOTTLES.
- DURING A SERVICE, MAINTAIN POSTURES AND POSITIONS THAT WOULD ALLOW YOU TO MOVE QUICKLY. STAY ON TOP OF YOUR CLIENT AND IF UNDERNEATH THEM, KEEP YOURSELF PROPPED UP ON YOUR ARMS.



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