



**‘Respect’**

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Queensland sex workers

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### Mission Statement

We are Queensland sex workers united to provide a formal medium to communicate sex worker issues and concerns so as to improve the rights of our peers and respond to our workplace health and safety and other needs regardless of gender, age, location, industry sector, legal status, cultural background or linguistic abilities.

## Who we are?

Respect Inc is Queensland's sex worker organisation run by sex workers. We provide information, education, support and referral services to all sex workers in Queensland. We promote safety, unity, equality and dignity of sex workers to achieve important health and social outcomes for the sex working community.

We currently have offices in Brisbane, Townsville, Cairns and the Gold Coast. These are safe drop-in spaces for sex workers. If you're a sex worker, it's a good idea to give us a call before you drop in to make sure someone will be in the office at that time.

If you're not a sex worker you should call for an appointment before attending our offices.

## What we do!

We provide

- Outreach – let us know if you'd like us to come for a visit
- Fact Sheets – written by sex workers for sex workers
- A Website – with fact sheets and service updates and online workshops
- Social activity days – come along, meet some of your peers and find out what's going on in your industry
- Workshops – To help with your work and show you how to work safely.
- Condoms, lubricant etc. at cheaper prices
- Referrals, advocacy, Information, education and training, help with legal issues and
- support for sex workers.

## Your peer rights

You have the right to

- Be supported in making the choices that you want to make in your life
- To keep receiving Respect Inc services if you make a complaint and know that your complaint will be treated in a confidential manner
- Be treated with respect at all times
- A confidential service.
- Privacy. That means that we do not tell anybody anything about you or your work Everything you tell us is private
- Be treated as equal with courtesy and dignity

## Membership

All past and present sex workers can become members of Respect. Simply fill in a membership form and post it to us, or give it to one of our outreach workers. You are most welcome to become involved with our organisation either volunteering or becoming a member of our management committee, especially if you speak another language. We work with sex workers from all different ethnic backgrounds.

## Disclaimer

The peer information contained in this resource is written by sex workers for sex workers. The referral list is some of the services available around the state. We cannot guarantee that these are all going to be sex worker friendly and it is up to you to decide whether to disclose to them. If you believe that they have discriminated against you or could be more sex worker friendly, please let us know and we will try our best to educate them so as to avoid someone else having to feel that way as well.

Respect Inc requests that you first seek permission to adapt any of this information as it is designed specifically for sex workers.

## Handy Hints

### Negotiating the booking

It helps to be clear about what services you are willing to provide to the client. Tell the client the cost of each service and including 'extras'. If they ask you for something you do not want to do, say no. Trust your instincts and be assertive.

### Checking a client

By looking at a client's genital area you will be able to see if there are any cuts or infections. Look for lumps or bumps, and yellow or cloudy discharge. Any of these could be a sign of a sexually transmitted infection (STI). Condoms and dental dams can help prevent the transmission of STI's. If the condom does not cover an area of skin that might be infected, you may be at risk. If you do not feel comfortable just say no and advise the client to seek medical advice.

### Dealing with difficult clients

It is advisable to always be in control when dealing with clients. Get the money before you start the service because the client might not want to pay you after he has cum. Put the money in a safe place when the client is not looking ( for example when the client is in the shower). During sex, try to be the dominant one or try to be on top. Make sure that you can see or feel the condom so you know that it is still in place and protecting you. You have the right not to see a client and to end the service if a client becomes rough or threatening. You have the right to call the police if necessary. Do not put yourself in a dangerous situation if you can help it. If you are having a drink with a client make sure you can see it at all times, to avoid your drink from being interfered with or drugged.

### Looking after your health

If you are feeling unwell or, are always tired, have headaches, stomach aches, outbreaks of herpes, get flus, colds, and other complaints, it is best to seek medical advice. If you are unwell it makes working a lot harder. Try to look after yourself by sleeping and eating well. It is wise to have regular checkups depending on your risks levels. Condoms, gloves and dental dams (and using them correctly) help protect you from STIS.

### Client relationship management

Remember that clients are not your friends or lovers and you are not theirs, they are paying customers. It is good to separate your working life from your personal life. It can become hard if you see your clients outside of work time. It can become harder to get them to pay if they think you are their friend. It is best to keep a distance between yourself and your clients. Always make sure that you get paid before you start the job or else you may not get paid at all.

## Legal sex work in Queensland

It is legal to work as a sex worker in a licensed brothel or to work privately as a private worker (sole trader). As a private worker (sole trader) you can do outcalls or incalls. Street based sex work and working in an unlicensed brothel or massage parlour with happy endings is illegal. When working at a licensed brothel you will be required to get a sexual health certificate from a doctor or clinic every 12 weeks. You do not need the sexual health certificate if you are working anywhere else, however it is advised to have regular checkups. It is illegal not to use condoms or dental dams during sex work. Police can pretend to be clients or other sex workers and may try to get you to agree to something illegal. If you agree to do something illegal, you can be charged even though you have not performed the act e.g. agreeing to do oral sex without a condom, or agreeing to do a double with another sex worker. When advertising it is illegal to describe the service offered, advertise for employees to work as sex workers or to advertise massage services if you also provide a sexual service (including oral and happy ending/hand relief). You can not use radio, television, film or video recording to advertise your services.

## Visa requirements

It is not illegal to do sex work in Australia if you come from another country as long as you have the correct visa. If you work without the correct visa you could be arrested, detained and/ or deported.

The following are some of the visa's that will allow you to work in Australia.

Work and Holiday Visa.(subclass 462)

Working Holiday Visa (subclass417)

Student ELICOS Temporary Visa (subclass 570)

Partner Temporary Visa (subclass 820)

If you are unsure what type of visa you have you can check by going to a web site called

“Visa Entitlement Verification Online” (VEVO), a Department of Immigration and Citizenship website, and use your passport details to check information about your visa and whether or not you can work in Australia.

## Motels and working

It is not illegal to work from a motel and you have a right not to be discriminated against by the motel manager/owner. It is not illegal for a hotel manager/owner to rent a room to a sex worker if they rent the room at the same price as any other person. It is illegal for more than one worker to work from the same room or to work in connection with another sex worker staying at the same hotel or anywhere else. If you think you have been discriminated against by a motel manager/owner you can make a complaint to the Anti Discrimination Council of Queensland. You must be treated like any other person renting a room.

**If you need any further information contact a worker at Respect and they will try to assist you with your requests. If they are unable to give you the information you want they will try to put you in touch with someone who can.**

### Australian Tax Office

Information sheets in a variety of languages

<http://www.ato.gov.au/corporate/content.asp?doc=/content/t/00171454.htm>

### Health information in your language

Provides fact sheets on a variety of health issues in different languages

<http://www.health.qld.gov.au/multicultural/public/language.asp>

### Translating and Interpreting Service

Available 24 hours, seven days a week ph 13 14 50

### Healthy Communities

Promoting the health of lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender Queenslanders through HIV and Hepatitis C prevention and sexual health promotion, Queensland and Torres Strait Islander HIV/AIDS Program, Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual and Transgender Health Systems Project, action groups, resource centre, meeting rooms, small grants of goods and services for people living with HIV who are in need.

07 3017 1777

1800 177 434 (Outside Brisbane)

<http://www.qahc.org.au>

### Family Planning Queensland (FPQ)

Provides sexual and reproductive health services across Queensland including clinics, sexual assault services,

education, training and fact sheets in English and other languages.

07 3250 0292

<http://www.fpq.com.au>

<http://www.atsichsbrisbane.org.au>

### Prostitution Licensing Authority

Regulates prostitution in Queensland including to ensure that brothels are licensed and regulated and monitors advertising and other issues associated with sole operators. Provides fact sheets and advice if you call them or visit their websites covering the law, brothels, licenses, certificates, advertising, reports, publications and fact sheets.

07 3858 9500

<http://www.pla.qld.gov.au>

## Sexual Health Services

### AIDS Medical Unit

07 3837 5622  
Level 2, 270 Roma Street  
Brisbane QLD

### Bamaga Sexual Health Clinic

07 4090 4219  
NPA Hospital (Bamaga)  
Sagaukaz Street  
Bamaga QLD

### Brisbane Sexual Health Clinic

07 3837 5611  
Level 1, 270 Roma Street  
Brisbane QLD

### Brunswick Street Medical Centre (Brisbane)

07 3852 2733  
Brunswick Street  
Fortitude Valley QLD

### Bundaberg Health Clinic

Q Clinic, Wide Bay Sexual Health Services  
07 4150 2754  
312 Bourbong Street  
Margaret Rose Building  
Bundaberg QLD

### Cairns Sexual Health Clinic

07 4226 4766  
1st Floor  
381 Sheridan Street  
Cairns North QLD

### Cape York Health Service District Program

07 4082 3645  
Call for location

### Gladstone Road Medical Centre (Brisbane)

07 3844 9599  
38 Gladstone Road  
Highgate Hill QLD

### Gold Coast Sexual Health Service (Miami)

07 5576 9033  
2019 Gold Coast Hwy  
Miami QLD

### Ipswich Sexual Health Service (S.H.op101)

07 3817 2428  
Ipswich Health Plaza  
Bell Street  
Ipswich QLD

### Mackay Sexual Health and Sexual Assault Service

07 4968 3919  
12 – 14 Nelson Street  
Community Health Centre  
Mackay QLD

### Mt Isa Sexual Health Services

07 4744 4805  
Doreen St Clinic  
Mt Isa QLD

### Palm Island Sexual Health Service

07 4752 5100  
Beach Road  
Palm Island QLD

### Redcliffe/Caboolture Sexual Health and HIV Service

07 3897 6300

### Redcliffe Community Health Centre

181 Anzac Avenue  
Kippa Ring QLD

### Rockhampton Sexual Health and HIV Service

07 4920 5555  
Sandrock House  
Canning Street  
Rockhampton QLD

### Stonewall Medical Centre (Brisbane)

07 3857 1222  
52 Newmarket Road  
Windsor QLD

### Sunshine Coast – Wide Bay Sexual Health & HIV Service

07 5470 5244  
87 Blackall Terrace  
Nambour QLD

### Thursday Island – Men's and Women's Health

07 4069 0413  
Douglas Street  
Thursday Island QLD  
Toowoomba (Kobi House)  
07 4616 6446  
Pechey Street  
Toowoomba QLD

### Townsville Sexual Health Unit

07 4778 9600  
35 Gregory Street  
North Ward QLD



Weipa Sexual Health Program  
07 4090 6206  
Cape York Health Service

Woolloongabba Princess Alexandra Sexual  
Health (PASH or PA)  
07 3176 5881  
Hospital  
Ipswich Road  
Woolloongabba QLD

## Legal Services

Legal Aid  
1300 65 11 88

Women's Legal Service  
1300 677 278

Refugee and Immigration Legal Service (Rails)  
07 3846 3189

Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Trans and Intersexual  
Legal Service  
30 Helen Street,  
Teneriffe. QLD 4206  
040193 6232

Bayside Community Legal Service  
29 Loraine Street  
Capalaba. QLD 4157  
073206 2724

Caxton Legal Centre  
1 Manning Street,  
South Brisbane. QLD 4103  
07 3254 6333

Cairns Community Legal Service  
1<sup>st</sup> Floor, suite 1 Main Street Arcade  
Cairns. QLD 4870  
07 4031 7688

Gold Coast Legal Service  
2/18 Bay Street  
Southport. QLD. 4215  
07 5532 9611

Logan Legal Advice Centre  
346 Kingston Road'  
Woodbridge. QLD 4114.  
07 3826 1599

Mackay Regional Community Legal Centre Inc  
Suit 4, City Court Arcade  
80 Victoria Street,  
Mackay. QLD. 4740  
07 4953 1211

Nundah Community Support Group Inc  
14 Station Road,  
Nundah. QLD 4012  
07326 06820

Peninsula Community Legal Service Queensland  
Lamington Drive,  
Redcliff. QLD 4020  
07 3883 4834

Pine Rivers Community Legal Service  
Queensland  
730 Gympie Road,  
Lawnton. QLD 4501  
07 3205 2955

Roma Community Legal Service  
96 Arthur Street,  
Roma. QLD 4455  
07 4622 4547



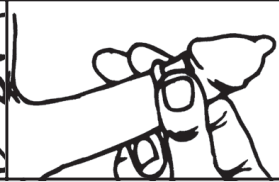
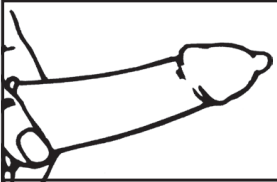
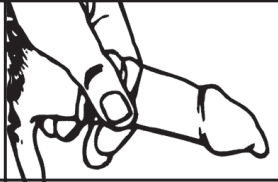

South West Brisbane Community Legal Centre  
28 Wirraway Parade,  
Inala. QLD 4077  
07 3372 7677

Suncoast Community Legal Service  
7 Ocean Road,  
Maroochydore. QLD 4558  
07 5443 7827

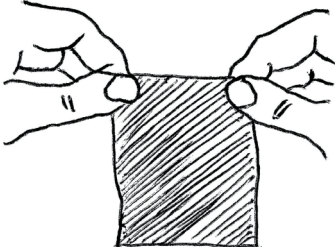
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Shop6, 16 Torquay Road,  
Hervey Bay. Qld. 4655

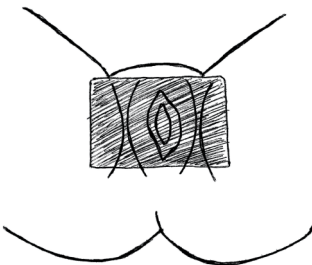
Townsville Community Legal Service  
Suit 2, 181 Sturts Street,  
Townsville. QLD 4810  
07 4721 5511

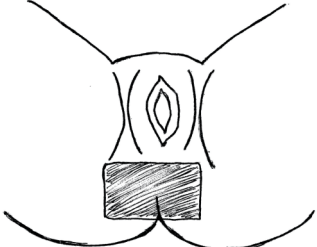
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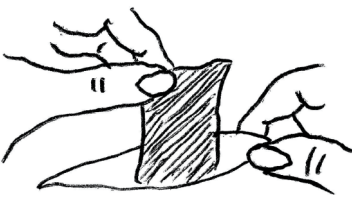
<b>BEFORE</b>			
	Check the use by date. Open pack being careful not to snag with rings or fingernails.	Put condom on before sexual contact, being careful to put it on correctly.	Roll it all the way to the base of the penis. Use only water based lubricants e.g.. KY Jelly or Wet Stuff.
<b>AFTER</b>			
	Hold on to the rim of the condom when you withdraw.		Dispose of the condom into rubbish bin, not down the toilet.

## Safe Dam Use

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1. Hold the dam in each hand. Be careful not to rip it
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2. Place the dam over the entire crotch area
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3. Or over the anus' 'Hold the dam in place and perform oral sex on top of it
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4. Remove the dam, place it back in its package and throw it in the garbage



Respect Inc contacts  
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Cairns QLD 4870  
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**Gold Coast**

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Southport QLD 4215  
07 5657 0857 (phone)  
07 5564 0929 (fax)

