IN CASES OF VIOLENCE OR DANGER FOR UNDERAGE PROSTITUTES:

The following is prohibited in Austria and LIABLE TO PROSECUTION:

• Nobody can force you into prostitution.
• If you are younger than 18 years, you are not allowed to work in prostitution.
• Neither you nor your family may be subjected to threats of violence.
• You cannot be forced to work without a condom.
• Nobody is allowed to take away your passport.
• Nobody is allowed to take away the payment you receive from your customers.
• Nobody can force you to work as a prostitute, if you want to perform.
• Nobody can force you to stay in the prostitution establishment at all times.
• Nobody can force you to work as a prostitute, if you want to get out of the business.
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If these things have happened to you or one of your colleagues, please contact the police or one of the following advisory centres:

24h – Frauennotruf (Women’s Emergency Hotline)

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24h – Helpline for Human Trafficking (Police)

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SOPHIE BildungsRaum für Prostituierte

1150 Wien, Oelweingasse 6–8
E-Mail: info@courage-beratung.at

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MALE PROSTITUTES

ADVISORY CENTRES FOR FEMALE PROSTITUTES

LEFO
1050 Wien, Kettenbrückengasse 15/4
Phone: 01 581 18 81
E-Mail: tamtep@lefoe.at

SOPHIE BildungsRaum für Prostituierte
1150 Wien, Oelweingasse 6–8
Phone: 01 897 55 36
E-Mail: sophie@volkshilfe-wien.at

ADVISORY CENTRES FOR MALE PROSTITUTES

MEN-MännerGesundheitsZentrum im Rainer Franz Josef-Spital
1100 Wien, Kundratstrasse 3
Phone: 01 601 91-9454
E-Mail: info@men-center.at

Verein Männerberatung
1100 Wien, Erlachgasse 95
Phone: 01 603 28 28
E-Mail: info@maenner.at

Türkis Rosa Tippp – Trans*SchwulenQueer-Beratung
1060 Wien, Linke Wienzeile 102
Phone: 01 585 43 43
E-Mail: traschq@villa.at

Beratungsgstelle COURAGE Wien
1060 Wien, Windmühlbgasse 15/17
Phone: 01 585 69 66
E-Mail: info@courage-beratung.at

ADVISORY CENTRES FOR FEMALE AND MALE PROSTITUTES

STD Ambulatorium der MA 15
STD Outpatient Clinic of Municipal Department 15
Counselling from medical professionals and social workers
1030 Wien, Thomas-Klestil-Platz 8/2 (TownTown)
Phone: 01 4000-87796
Opening hours: Mon – Fri: 8 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Your rights

Received a penalty notice?
You have the right to appeal. Please check the instructions on rights of appeal on the penalty notice („Strafbescheid“) for the exact appeal deadline. The advisory centres will help you!

Request for payment by instalments:
There is no legal right to payment by instalments. The advisory centres will help you with this matter.

You have lost your leave to remain because you have worked in prostitution “illegally”, that is without a medical check-up card:
If you get your card, the leave to remain may be re-granted.

STD-outpatient clinic
• Diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases is free of charge.
• Free access to medical care and counselling from medical professionals and social workers for everyone.
• Regular health check-ups can mitigate penalties for “illegal” prostitution.

Advantages from registering your business with the Tax Office:
• Proof of income is important: for example in relation to your right of residence, access to the labour market, family allowance or housing benefit.
• Tip: Even if you do not reach the income limit, getting a tax number and/or registering with the Tax Office prevents your income from being estimated by the Tax Office if they conduct inspections at your workplace.

>> CAUTION: debt trap ahead
• Unfortunately, the Tax Offices do not all follow the same procedure. If you need help with enforcing your rights, please contact one of the advisory centres.

Advantages from social and health insurance?
You are covered by health insurance only after you have registered with the Social Insurance Office for Persons Engaged in Trade and Commerce!

Social insurance includes:
• Health insurance: e.g. the cover of medical costs (patient’s contribution of 20%), maternity benefit.
• Accident insurance: e.g. right to benefits after an accident at work.
• Pension insurance: e.g. right to an old-age pension.

Opt-out insurance:
If you are not covered by statutory social insurance, you can take out your own voluntary health insurance policy (Health insurance: 7.65% of your income + 8.67 €/month for accident insurance). By paying higher contributions you can obtain additional benefits, unemployment insurance etc. e.g. right to financial support for further training/re-training courses. As the issue of social insurance is rather complex, you should contact one of the advisory centres for detailed advice.

YOUR RIGHTS

You have voluntarily chosen to work in prostitution in Vienna. Prostitution is generally legal in Austria, provided that you have followed your heart. You have numerous rights, there are also a number of regulations you should be aware of.

This leaflet wants to support you in actively claiming your rights and inform you about the legal situation in Vienna to help you avoid violating any laws.

Information leaflet for female and male prostitutes

Soliciting customers safely and legally on the street.

You have the right to refuse. If you feel unsafe, please contact the police or one of the advisory centres for detailed advice.
Step 1
Registration with the Registration Office for Prostitution Issues of the Vienna Provincial Police Directly
1. Make a personal appointment for registration – bring an official ID document that includes your photo (e.g. passport, ID or driving license). On occasion you will also receive an information sheet on where to get free advice before your registration.
2. Come in person for the appointment and bring along an interpreter, if you need one.

Bring the following documents with you: official photo ID, residence permit or asylum application card, residence registration confirmation, 16-40 years old, birth certificate, marriage certificate (if applicable), 2 passport photos.

Contact: Vienna Provincial Police Directorate
Registration Office for Prostitution Issues
1010 Wien, Deutschmeisterstrasse 2
01 313 10-2180

The police will issue you a confirmation of registration, which authorises you to work as a prostitute once you have received your medical check-up card.

Step 2
Outpatient clinic for the diagnosis and treatment of sexually transmitted diseases (STD outpatient clinic) of Municipal Department 15
1. Go to the STD outpatient clinic on the next working day.
Bring with you: confirmation issued by the police and 24.11 €
At the clinic you will have your first exam, where you will be tested for STD and HIV (blood test, counseling from medical professionals and social workers).

2. You will then be given another appointment 7 days after your first exam to come back for the results and a follow-up exam. If at that time your results are normal, you will receive your medical check-up card and can start to work legally as a prostitute, provided you go to the weekly check-ups.

Contact: STD Ambulatorium (STD Outpatient Clinic)
1030 Wien, Thomas-Blestl-Platz 8/2 (TownTown)
01 4000-87796
Opening hours: Mon – Fri 8:00 a.m.–11:30 a.m.

Patients coming for their first exam will not be accepted after 10:00 a.m.

Step 3
Registration with the Tax Office
1. You have to inform your competent Tax Office that you have started or will start to work. You will be informed about your transfer within one month after you have received your medical check-up card. In 2014, income below 31,000 € is tax free. The tax threshold may vary from year to year.
2. A list of Vienna’s Tax Offices is available at the STD outpatient clinic, the advisory centres or on the website of the Austrian Ministry of Finance
http://dienststellen.bmf.gv.at
3. Make a list of your expenses (collect bills and receipts) and your earnings for your tax return.
4. If you do not file a tax return, the Tax Office may estimate your income (when inspecting your workplace) and will often arrive at very high amounts:
   >>> CAUTION: debt trap ahead.
   Contact one of the advisory centres for support!

Step 4
Registering with a social and health insurance provider
1. If you only work as a prostitute and your annual income in 2014 is above the insurance threshold (6,453.36 €), you have to register as a “New Self-employed” with the competent social insurance provider within 4 weeks after you started work. At the latest, as soon as you know that you will exceed the insurance threshold. If you work as a prostitute alongside another job, the threshold is increased to 7,084 €.
2. If you register within the first 4 weeks, your health insurance cover starts on the day you have actually taken up work.
3. If you exceed the statutory insurance thresholds, you can take out a voluntary insurance policy. In this case, the insurance cover starts on the day of registration (no period of notice).
4. The compulsory insurance contribution for 2014 is 27.68% of your income (also with retrospective effect). Put this information with you when you go to register as a “New Self-employed” with the police.
5. You no longer have to inform the police about holidays, illness or other interruption of your work. However, if you continue your work afterwards, you immediately have to undergo the required medical exams.
6. Finding a job at the STD outpatient clinic in your own interest if you cannot come to the STD tests and HIV checks because you are ill, on holiday or otherwise unable to carry out your work.
7. If you fail to come to the check-ups for more than six months, your data will be deleted by the police. If you resume your work, you have to register again with the police. Should you have any questions, contact the STD outpatient clinic or any of the advisory centres.

RIGHT OF RESIDENCE

Legal residence in Austria is a prerequisite for working as a prostitute in Vienna. AIDS sufferers must have been in Austria for a minimum of 3 months. Since there exist different regulations under alien law, we recommend that you contact one of the advisory centres.

Step 5
Registration of your address of residence
Registration of your address of residence at the Municipal District Office:
http://www.wien.gv.at/verwaltung/meldeservice

LEGAL SOLICITING ON THE STREET

Soliciting prostitution on the streets of residential areas is prohibited. As of 1 November 2011, the 150 metre protection zones, the prohibition zones and the hour restrictions will no longer apply to soliciting prostitution on the street. If the soliciting has taken place outside a residential area and is already completed, you are allowed to walk with your customer through the residential area to the prostitution establishment or the customer’s home.

Performing prostitution on the street in any kind of sexual acts is in any case prohibited.

Police inspections? You have to show your ID and medical check-up card. If you also carry your residence registration certificate with you.

STREET PROSTITUTION – ENSURING GREATEST POSSIBLE SAFETY!

In the car
1. Memorise the car details (make, colour, licence plate number).
2. Once in the car, try to close and open the car door to see how it functions. Check whether the car has a central locking system.
3. Stay with your customer near your usual location.
4. Always keep your eyes on your customer and especially his hands.
5. Avoid positions that put you at a disadvantage: e.g. between the customer’s knees during a blow job. Try to stay on top, if possible.
6. Don’t get talked into anything you don’t want to do.
7. Arrange price, service and location outside the car.
8. Always wear your jacket either fully closed or fully open. If you wear it half open, it can be pulled over your shoulders so that you won’t be able to move your arms any more.
9. If something urgent shows that you can run to.

At work
1. Try not to work when you are on withdrawal (alcohol, drugs, etc.) or when you are extremely drunk. This will make you less able to look after yourself and the customer and you will no longer be able to control the situation.
2. Don’t get talked into anything you don’t want to do.
3. Take particular attention to prominent physical features.
4. Try to stand in a well-lit place where you can see well and be seen clearly by others.
5. Arrange price, service and location outside the car.
6. Tell your colleagues exactly where you are going with your customer (address, license plate number), and make sure that these details are not seen clearly by anyone.
7. Listen to your gut feeling! Don’t get into the car, if the customer makes you feel uneasy.

In the case of violence
1. The customer knows that you did so.
2. Make sure that your handbag and mobile phone are within your reach and that you can use them. Don’t get into the car, if the customer is aggressive, try to stay calm and not to show fear. If there is no other way, attract attention by screaming or yelling.
3. Make no contact with other customers.
4. If a customer or a pimp threatens you with violence or becomes aggressive, try to stay calm and not to show fear. If there is no other way, attract attention by screaming or yelling.

FURTHER TIPS

Further tips are available from your colleagues and the advisory centres.

Build a network with your colleagues and fight for your rights. The advisory centres will also help you with these efforts!