



Know your rights and obligations.

Are you a sex worker?

About us

The Magdalena Counselling Centre is a mobile counselling centre for sex workers. The aim of the Magdalena centre's work is to support and accompany sex workers in developing and changing their life perspectives and to give them scope for action that improves their living and working conditions.

We work anonymously, free of charge, partisan, low-threshold and accepting.

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Legal requirements

All sexual services are subject to registration.

In order to be allowed to work as a sex worker in Germany, you have to register with a registration authority, e.g. the regulatory office. Free health consultation is required to register as a sex worker. You may have to pay tax on your income. You do this by filing a tax return.

Health insurance is compulsory for everyone.

As a self-employed person, you should take out health insurance so that you are covered in an emergency and do not incur high debts.

Legal claims

You are entitled to your wages.

Customers must pay you the agreed wage. You are entitled to social benefits if you do not earn any money for a long period of time. You are entitled to an annual free health consultation. You can deduct expenses for work rooms, clothing, condoms and hygiene items as well as retraining etc. from your taxes.

You can take someone with you to official meetings, e.g. an interpreter.

Your rights vis-à-vis the operators of prostitution establishments

- ▶ Operators must make all agreements with you, such as working hours or salary, in writing (e.g. for the tax return) and hand these over to you.
- ▶ Operators are not allowed to make any specifications regarding your offer. They must not force you into any action.
- ▶ Operators must indicate that condoms are compulsory (e.g. by means of signage).
- ▶ Operators must offer you reasonable prices for renting rooms or for a customer referral.