



'Brown Bag Lunch' Series

Violence in the Workplace: A Call to End Violence Against Sex Workers

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December 17th is **Red Umbrella Day: International Day to End Violence Against Sex Workers**. The red umbrella, adopted in 2002 by Venetian sex workers for an anti-violence march, symbolizes resistance against discrimination towards sex workers worldwide. Red Umbrella Day calls attention to hate crimes, violence and discrimination that sex workers face and urges the public to respect the basic human rights of sex workers.

Sex workers in Calgary face frequent violence. Men, women and transgendered people working in the sex trade are experiencing levels of violence that have become normalized. Sex workers are afraid to report the violence for fear of prosecution, discrimination, stigmatization and further mistreatment.

Please join Hazel, *Shift* Program Coordinator at AIDS Calgary Awareness Association for this presentation on the continuum of sexual exchange, the criminalization of sex work and legal issues, the vulnerabilities and risks that sex workers face and the climate of sex work in Calgary.

When: Thursday, December 9th, 11:30 a.m.—1:30 p.m.
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