

Taking Action Checklist

If you are a sex worker who feels your rights have been violated by a police officer it is important to do the following:



Take Care of Yourself First!

Your safety and wellbeing are a top priority. Get yourself to a safe place & seek medical & mental health care immediately. Be sure caregivers write in their records that your injuries were caused by police. Get a copy of the medical record when leaving the clinic.



Document Your Injuries

Take photos of any injuries or damage to property. Continue to document injuries in the the days, weeks and months following an incident. Use a camera with a date stamp, if possible.



Write It Out

Write a narrative about what happened using as much detail as possible. Include what happened before the incident, the incident itself, and what happened after. Include the date, time, and location of the incident. If possible, date and time stamp your narrative by emailing yourself a copy. Ask witnesses to do the same.



Get the Officer's Information

Get as many identifying details about the officer as possible, including: officer's name, badge number, squad car number; precinct number or division, and a detailed physical description.



Contact an Attorney

Consult with an attorney before filing a complaint with the police department about mistreatment. Any disciplinary actions or lawsuits should be in line with your personal goals and recovery process. Red Light Legal can assist you in finding a sex work-competent attorney.

Have you been abused or mistreated by police?

Police misconduct is police action that violates the rights of people they encounter. Police misconduct can take the form of harassment, police brutality, theft, kidnapping and inappropriate sexual behavior.

Red Light Legal is a sex worker-led legal organization that provides direct legal services, legal representation, community education and policy advocacy to people working in the sex industry.

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