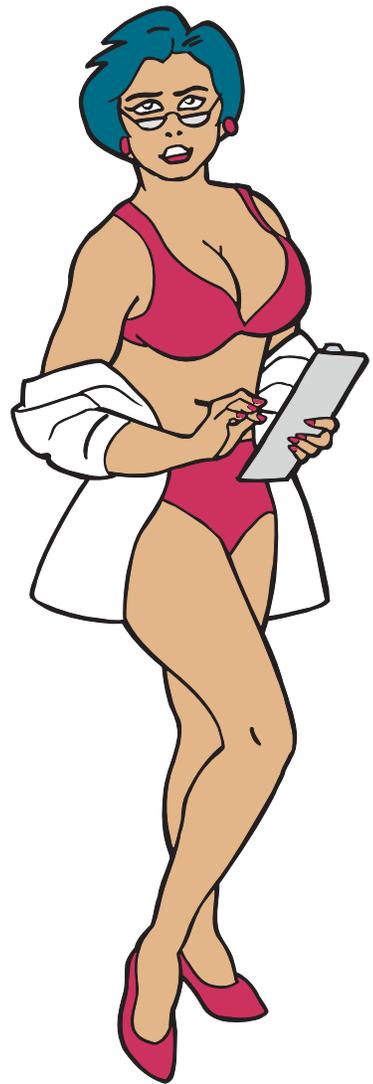


# Research!

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# What about research?

Research is:

- the quest for knowledge or truth
- the collection of information or data
- a systematic process of discovery or investigation
- analysis of a particular issue, matter or idea
- study leading to scientific knowledge or understanding

Research can:

- explore the natural or social world
- develop or contribute to shared or general knowledge
- reveal, or help interpret or revise facts, theories, laws
- lead to new knowledge or help revise existing understanding

**Medical research** is the formal, experimental study of human health and disease processes. Medical research generally involves:

- testing a hypothesis to permit conclusions
- experimentation aimed at discovery, interpretations, and application of scientific data
- control over the research process and all participants
- maintaining objectivity through detachment and neutrality

**Social research** is the branch of sociology that carries out research. Social research explores social worlds as they exist and evolve within the natural world. One form of social research is community-based research.

**Community-based research** applies principles of community involvement and collaboration, using scientifically accepted research methods. Such research actively involves members of a community in a research process that is directly useful to the community.

Community-based research is called “participatory” when it involves an equitable, collaborative approach between those doing the research and those being researched. However, equitable participation between those researching and those researched virtually always involves an element of representation on the part of those being researched. Authentic community-based participatory research would only be possible in a democratic “town hall” type of situation, where all were involved in both questioning and answering, free from any element of representation, democratic or otherwise.



Community-based research is all about a philosophical approach to inquiry, and does not use any one particular research method. \$WE@&R! is a community-based research project because it combines the search for social knowledge with the goal of action for social change and social justice.

## Submit your opinions

What follows is a complete list of all the questions in the other \$WE@&R! workbooks. If you have finished answering all the questions in the rest of the series, this is your chance to change your mind. You can also take this opportunity to submit your opinions, by filling out the card on the back and mailing it in.

The opinions collected by this project will be forwarded to the Law Commission of Canada. The Law Commission is an independent federal agency whose mandate is to provide advice on improvements to, and modernization and reform of, federal law. The preamble to its legislation includes important principles that guide its functioning:

- its work must be open, inclusive, and accessible to all Canadians
- it must view the law and the legal system in a broad social and economic context
- it must be responsive and accountable by working in partnership with a wide range of interested groups and individuals
- it must be innovative in its research methods
- it must take account of the impact of the law on different groups and individuals when making its recommendations

The \$WE@&R! *Sex Workers' Workbook* was conceived in response to a call for proposals from the Commission which stated:

*"The Commission would like to explore the ways in which the law may be inadequate to protect basic concerns of working life — for example with respect to fair wages, occupational health and safety, and freedom from harassment or exploitation — in the case of workers who are not in a position to effectively assert their rights, or who fall through the cracks of legal protection altogether."*





# Sex questions

## Sex diseases in history

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**\$-01:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should the choice be yours to use a condom or not when having sex (intercourse) for free, perhaps with your lover or spouse?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## Public health today

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**\$-02:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should the choice be yours to use a condom or not when you perform oral sex (blow job) for free, perhaps with your lover or spouse?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**\$-03:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should the choice be yours to use a condom or not when you have sex (intercourse) with a client?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**\$-04:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should the choice be yours to use a condom or not when you perform oral sex (blow job) with a client?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 

**\$-05:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you be required to always use condoms when having sex (intercourse) with clients?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 



## Sex questions

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**\$-06:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you be required by law to always use condoms for all sexual contact at work?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## Reportable diseases

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**\$-07:** Let's say you are a sex worker. If you have herpes, should you be required to inform clients prior to sexual contact?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**\$-08:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you be required to leave the sex industry if you catch herpes?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**\$-09:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you get tested regularly for reportable STIs such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and hepatitis B?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**\$-10:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you be required to have regular blood and urine tests for such reportable STIs as chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis and hepatitis B in order to be allowed to work?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 



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**\$-11:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you be required to inform your clients if you test positive for a reportable STI such as chlamydia, gonorrhea, syphilis or hep B?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## How about free vaccines?

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**\$-12:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you get regular vaccinations for hepatitis B?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**\$-13:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you be required to get regular vaccinations for hepatitis B in order to be allowed to work?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## Sexual health exams

### What makes a test anonymous?

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**\$-14:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you get tested regularly for HIV?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 



## Non-nominal testing

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**\$-15:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you be required to regularly take an HIV test in order to be allowed to work?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## What about mandatory STI tests?

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**\$-16:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should clients be required to test for STIs before using your services?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**\$-17:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Do you think clients should be required to test regularly for HIV in order to be allowed to receive your services?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 

## How does "contact tracing" work?

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**\$-18:** Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Should sex businesses be required to keep logs of all clients, including client contact information?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 



## What if you test HIV-positive?

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**\$-19:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you continue to work in the sex industry if you test positive for HIV?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**\$-20:** Let's say you are a sex worker. Should you be required to stop working in the sex industry if you test positive for HIV?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## What about privacy?

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**\$-21:** Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should your employer be informed if you test positive for a reportable sexually transmitted infection?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## STIs and criminal law

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**\$-22:** Let's say you are a sex worker and you always follow the Canadian AIDS Society's Safer Sex Guidelines. Should you be required to tell clients if you test HIV-positive?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 



## What about self-regulation?

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**\$-23:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Do you think sex businesses should be required to carry liability insurance in case an infection or disease is transmitted to a client?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## Sex, drugs and research

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**\$-24:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Would you be willing to participate in medical research in exchange for medical insurance?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**\$-25:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Should you be required to take part in medical research as part of your job?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 

**\$-26:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Should there be laws to ensure that sex businesses can't require employees to participate in medical research?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 

**\$-27:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Should you be required to take part in research to monitor sexually transmitted infection rates among sex workers?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 



## Sex, assault and the law

### What about pressing charges?

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**\$-28:** *Let's say you are a sex worker. Should police departments establish official "Sex-Worker Liaison Officers" — specially-trained police personnel dedicated to assisting sex workers who have been victims of violent crimes?*

- yes*
  - no*
  - don't know*
- 





# Work questions

## Who's hiring?

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**W-01:** Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. What kind of establishment would you prefer to work in? (Please mark all that apply.)

- a traditional brothel (house with a madam)
  - an office or home (with you working independently as a self-employed person)
  - a hotel or motel that offers hourly rates, maid service and security
  - an exotic dance bar with private rooms
  - a small co-operative business premises (say, up to four partners)
  - a mega-brothel (large corporate business, possibly franchised or traded on a stock exchange)
  - a room with a window in a red-light district
  - don't know
  - other (please specify)
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## Getting paid

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**W-02:** Let's say sex work is legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. How would you like to get paid? (Please pick only one.)

- per hour
  - per sex act
  - directly by the client
  - by salary
  - don't know
- 



### What's a fair wage?

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**W-03:** Let's say sex work is legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. What would be a fair income for a week's work, after taxes and deductions? (Please pick only one.)

- less than \$500
  - \$500-\$999
  - \$1,000-\$1,499
  - \$1,000-\$1,999
  - \$2,000-\$2,499
  - \$2,500 or more
  - don't know
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### Types of employment

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**W-04:** Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Given a choice, which would you prefer to be?

- a temporary contract worker
  - a non-unionized permanent employee with benefits
  - a unionized permanent employee with full benefits and seniority rights
  - self-employed
  - don't know
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### Employment benefits

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**W-05:** Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Which employment benefit programs would you be willing to pay for? (Please mark all that apply.)

- Employment Insurance
  - Workers Compensation
  - Canada Pension Plan
  - group insurance and retirement plans
  - no benefit programs
  - don't know
  - other (please specify)
- 



## Safety at work

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**W-06:** Let's say you are on the health and safety committee for a sex business with 20 employees. Which of the following requirements would you recommend? (Please mark all that apply.)

- bright lighting for the inspection of genital areas for signs of diseases
  - laundry facilities for towels and sheets
  - showers and bathing areas
  - adequate hot water
  - antibacterial cleansers
  - de-lousing lotion/shampoo
  - properly trained security personnel
  - security devices such as cameras, remote-locking doors, and panic alarms
  - rubber gloves and instructions for cleaning up blood and other body fluids
  - an unlimited supply of condoms and water-based lubricant
  - rubbing alcohol for cleaning your hands before handling condoms, if massage oil is involved
  - no requirements
  - don't know
  - other (please specify)
- 

## Who is responsible?

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**W-07:** Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. What safety equipment should you be required to provide for yourself? (Please mark all that apply.)

- condoms and water-based lubricant
  - latex gloves
  - cellular phone
  - antiseptic cleanser
  - self-defence device, such as pepper spray
  - no safety equipment
  - don't know
  - other (please specify)
- 



## Work questions

### How can I refuse?

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**W-08:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Should workplace regulations include limits on number of clients a sex worker should service per shift?*

- yes*
  - no*
  - don't know*
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### Enough is enough!

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**W-09:** *Let's say you are on the health and safety committee for a sex business. What should be the maximum number of clients that a sex worker can service during a day's shift?*

- 1-3*
  - 4-6*
  - 7-9*
  - 10-15*
  - more than 15*
  - no limit on number of clients*
  - don't know*
- 



### Just say, "No way!"

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**W-10:** Let's say you are on a health and safety committee for a sex business. On what grounds should a sex worker refuse to see a client? (Please mark all that apply.)

- client appears to have signs or symptoms of a sexually transmitted infection
  - client refuses to bathe or shower
  - client shows signs of aggression
  - client smells bad
  - client is not compliant with sex worker's instructions
  - client is argumentative when negotiating fees for specific services
  - client has a physical handicap which the worker feels untrained or unequipped to deal with
  - client demands services the worker does not provide
  - client interferes with the use of condoms or other protective equipment
  - client is too old
  - client is too young
  - client is unattractive
  - client can be refused without grounds
  - client cannot be refused for any reason
  - don't know
  - other (please specify)
- 

### How about a drink?

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**W-11:** Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should sex businesses be permitted to sell alcohol?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 



## Work questions

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**W-12:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Would you want to work for a sex business that served alcoholic beverages?*

- yes
- no
- don't know

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**W-13:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Would you want to work for a sex business that could serve alcoholic beverages with meals?*

- yes
- no
- don't know

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**W-14:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Should there be special liquor-licence regulations for sex businesses? (For example, a limit on the number of drinks that can be served to a customer.)*

- yes
- no
- don't know

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**W-15:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Would you want to be able to sell alcoholic drinks to customers?*

- yes
- no
- don't know

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**W-16:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. If a sex business can have a licensed lounge, should the job of selling alcohol and job of providing sexual services be two separate jobs? (An employee can only do one, or the other, not both.)*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 



## Wanna smoke?

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**W-17:** Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Should sex businesses be permitted to offer designated smoking rooms (as hotels do) for those clients who may wish to smoke during private sessions with sex workers?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## Professional associations

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**W-18:** Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Would you be willing to pay membership fees to a voluntary professional association?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**W-19:** Let's say you're a member of a voluntary Sex Professionals' Association. Which of the following possible member services would you want? (Please mark all that apply.)

- certificate/membership card
  - newsletter
  - courses and training programs
  - trade fairs and conferences
  - member rates on professional supplies
  - advertising in a membership directory
  - association website
  - none of the above
  - don't know
  - other (please specify)
- 



## Trained and certified

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**W-20:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should you be required to hold a certificate from a professional sex workers' association before you are permitted to work?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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**W-21:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Would you want job-training that is certified by a professional sex workers association?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 

**W-22:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Should you be required to complete training programs and/or an apprenticeship in order to be allowed to work?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## National vs provincial

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**W-23:** *Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. If you are required to be certified by a sex workers' association before being allowed to work, who should determine the training requirements you need in order to get your certificate?*

- a single national association that sets national standards
  - provincial associations that set standards for each province
  - no certification requirements
  - don't know
- 



## What training?

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**W-24:** Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. If sex workers are required to successfully complete a training program before they are permitted to work, which of the following training should the program include? (Please mark all that apply.)

- sexual health (self-examination, examining clients, sexually-transmitted-infection recognition and prevention methods)
  - erotic arts: seduction, erogenous zones, massage, dirty talk, erotic dancing, sex toys and aids
  - fetishes and scenerios: clothing fetishes (e.g., shoes or underwear; cross-dressing), role-playing (teacher, nurse, babysitter, mommy, etc.), tickling, infantilism, urination, pubic/body shaving etc.
  - sado/masochism, dungeon and bondage
  - social skills (e.g., assertiveness; how to deal with difficult, argumentative, aggressive or intoxicated clients; negotiation)
  - self-defence
  - first aid
  - no training required
  - don't know
  - other (please specify)
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## What about a trade union?

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**W-25:** Let's say sex businesses are legal and that you are a sex worker. Would you join a sex industry trade union?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 





# Education questions

## What did you call me?

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*E-01a: If you worked in the sex industry, perhaps for a massage parlour, an exotic dance club, or an escort service — or on the street — how would you feel about being referred to as a sex worker?*

- I would happily call myself a sex worker*
- I would prefer “sex worker” to other popular terms*
- I would feel indifferent about being called a sex worker*
- I would prefer not to be called a sex worker*
- I would strongly oppose being called a sex worker*
- don't know*

*E-01b: If you would prefer not to be called a sex worker, what would you rather be called? (please specify)*

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## Law reform in Canada

### Who needs law reform?

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*E-02: Should Canada's prostitution laws be reformed?*

- yes*
  - no*
  - don't know*
- 



### You talkin' to me?

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*E-03: If you could change Section 213 of the Criminal Code (the communicating law), which one of the following options would you choose?*

- repeal it (remove it from the Criminal Code)*
  - keep it, but change the law so that aggressive soliciting and impeding traffic are prohibited for all types of businesses*
  - change the law so that only prospective customers can be charged (but sex workers cannot be charged)*
  - leave it unchanged*
  - none of the above*
  - don't know*
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### Off to work

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*E-04: If you could change Sections 210 and 211 of the Criminal Code (the bawdy-house laws), which one of the following options would you choose?*

- repeal them*
  - keep them but alter them so as to permit some form of legal workplace for sex workers*
  - strengthen them so as to ensure that sex businesses are strictly prohibited in Canada*
  - leave them unchanged*
  - none of the above*
  - don't know*
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### Who's the boss?

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*E-05: If you could change Section 212 of the Criminal Code (the procuring law), which one of the following options would you choose?*

- repeal it*
  - keep it, but alter it to permit some legal form of sex business management*
  - strengthen it, so as to ensure that no one in Canada can be forced or coerced into prostitution*
  - leave it unchanged*
  - none of the above*
  - don't know*
- 



## How old are you?

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*E-06: Let's say the procuring law has been repealed. At what age should you be allowed to work as a sex worker?*

- never
  - 14
  - 15
  - 16
  - 17
  - 18
  - 19
  - 20
  - 21
  - don't know
  - other (please specify)
- 

## Other federal matters

### What about criminal records?

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*E-07: Let's say sex work has become a legal profession in Canada. Should sex workers with prostitution-related criminal records receive pardons for those records?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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### Who pays income tax?

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*E-08: Let's say sex work has become a legal profession in Canada. Now that sex workers can declare their earnings without fear of prosecution, should they be immune from income tax audits for years prior to legalization?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 



### **“Sin tax” on sex work?**

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*E-09: Let’s say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should sex businesses be subject to a special tax scheme that covers the cost of regulating the sex industry and pays for special services and programs for sex workers?*

- yes
  - no
  - don’t know
- 

### **Municipal by-laws**

#### **Zoning restrictions**

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*E-10: Let’s say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should there be special zoning restrictions for sex businesses?*

- yes
  - no
  - don’t know
- 

*E-11: Let’s say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should small sex businesses be allowed in areas zoned for “other commercial,” just like barber shops, beauty shops, and other neighbourhood services?*

- yes
  - no
  - don’t know
- 

### **What about “red-light” districts?**

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*E-12: Let’s say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should sex businesses only be allowed to operate within specially-designated areas?*

- yes
  - no
  - don’t know
- 



## Additional licensing requirements

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*E-13: Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should you be required to provide your photo and obtain a special, individual licence from the city before you can work for a sex business?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 

*E-14: Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should a sex business be required to keep a register containing the names and addresses of every client?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 

## Residential businesses

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*E-15: Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should you be allowed to operate a residential business, where you can provide services to clients in your home?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
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## Provincial licensing

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*E-16: Let's say sex businesses are legal in Canada and that you are a sex worker. Should a sex business require a special licence from the province, in addition to a city business licence, in order to operate?*

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 





# Advocacy questions

## Advocacy in action

### Government-appointed advocates

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**A-01:** Let's say Canada has just legalized prostitution. Should there be a government-appointed Sex Industry Advocate to address complaints from sex workers about new government regulations?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 

## Advocacy initiatives

### Law reform — New Zealand

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**A-02:** Let's say that Canada's parliament has decided to establish a Prostitution Law Reform Committee. Should the committee composition include members representing the interests of sex workers, nominated by a sex worker organization?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 

## Input on law reform in Canada

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**A-03:** Let's say that Canada has just legalized prostitution. Could sex workers in Canada establish local organizations capable of developing and enforcing regulations for sex businesses?

- yes
  - no
  - don't know
- 





# Research! questions

## Who you talkin' to?

The following questions are included in order to collect some basic (demographic) information about the people \$WE@&R! has heard from. More importantly, the answers to these questions may indicate that there are groups of people whose opinions are missing. This will help \$WE@&R! determine if there are people from a particular age group, gender, or region of the country who we still need to hear from.

## It's up to you!

It's not necessary that you answer these questions. Your opinions are most important, so, please, send us your answers to the \$WE@&R! Research survey, regardless of whether or not you've answered the following questions.

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**R-01:** *Are you living in Canada?*

- yes*
- no*
- prefer not to say*

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**R-02:** *If you live in Canada, what province or territory do you reside in?*

- Alberta*
- British Columbia*
- Manitoba*
- New Brunswick*
- Newfoundland & Labrador*
- North West Territories*
- Nova Scotia*
- Nunavut Territory*
- Ontario*
- Prince Edward Island*
- Québec*
- Saskatchewan*
- Yukon Territory*
- prefer not to say*



## Research! questions

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**R-03:** What city or town do you presently live in, or nearest to? (Please specify only one.)

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**R-04:** How old are you? (Please mark only one.)

- under 14
  - 14-19
  - 20-24
  - 25-34
  - 35-44
  - 45-54
  - 55-64
  - 65-74
  - 75-84
  - 85, or older
  - prefer not to say
- 

**R-05:** What's your sex? (Please mark only one.) Do you consider yourself to be

- female
  - male
  - transgender female
  - transgender male
  - prefer not to say
- 





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