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Contexts of Health, Safety & Resiliency in the Canadian Sex Industry

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Canadians place a premium on personal safety and health. Yet, our universal health care system, as well as other economic, social, and legal policies and protection services, do not protect those involved in the sex industry. Some sex workers suffer from comparatively poor physical, emotional, and mental health, but most also experience an elevated risk of violence and victimization compared to other workers. We have drawn together a multi-sectorial research team to: i) design and implement a national program of research; ii) carry out targeted multi-city projects to fill in critical information gaps; and, iii) design, implement and evaluate emergent knowledge exchange strategies, policies and related programs. The talk will present an overview of the study, data collection to date, and preliminary findings from the pretest stage on sex workers' perspectives on prostitution stigma and its impact on their health and safety.

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