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LEGAL ISSUES FOR PROFESSIONALS

LIP is about Legal Issues for Professionals, primarily in the legal sex industry in Victoria. LIP is not a substitute for legal advice. LIP is not a quick grab solution. The purpose of LIP is to encourage an understanding of basic legal rights and where to go to find out more.

We acknowledge that often there's a big gap between having rights and being able to exercise them. The gap is caused, in part, by social prejudice against sex work and sex workers. One foundation for a bridge is information. We hope that LIP provides the kind of information that is useful when considering whether to exercise legal rights, even in the face of social prejudice.

Another foundation for a bridge across the gap is support. Co-workers, the RhED program and your local community legal centre are good starting points for getting support. Talk to as many people as you need to before making a decision about taking legal action. Taking legal action is not always simple, but it may be worth while.

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Note: Penalties and fees in this booklet are expressed in terms of 'units'. The monetary value of a unit is set by the State Government every year and is updated on 1 July. In the 2008-2009 financial year, one penalty unit amounts to \$113.42. One fee unit amounts to \$11.35. To find the most up to date table of Penalty and Fee Units go to the Office of the Chief Parliamentary Counsel website at: www.ocpc.vic.gov.au

Also: We have provided the relevant sections of legislation so that you can look up legislation yourself or quote that section if you need to. The sections we quote are correct at time of print. However legislation can be amended, and sections sometimes change when this happens. If you want to make certain that the section is up to date, make sure you look up the relevant legislation. You can find information about where to look for legislation at the back of this booklet.

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