



## Safety Advisory

December 21, 2011

On December 8, 2011 the Ottawa Police issued a **safety advisory for women working in the sex trade** as they identified a pattern of attacks on street-based sex workers and one or more homicides that points to a serial predator.

As such, the AIDS Committee of Ottawa is encouraging women working in the sex trade to continue to use their safety measures and to be extra careful during this dangerous time. At this time, it is important for sex workers and allies of sex workers to communicate about the current realities of the working environment and share information when possible.

Staff at the AIDS Committee of Ottawa is available to support sex workers who wish to discuss any incidents or concern and can help in sharing this information through the Bad Date Line. To reach the AIDS Committee of Ottawa, contact 613-238-5014 x233 (Fred) or x242 (Heather) or The Living Room at 613-563-0851. Below is a list of other community agencies that can also provide support and assistance:

Elizabeth Fry Society	(613)237-8312
Youth Services Bureau	(613)260-2360
St. Joseph's Women's Centre	(613)231-6722
Sexual Assault Support Centre	(613)234-2266
Brigid's Place	(613)688-2017
Minwaashin Lodge	(613)741-5590
OASIS	(613)789-6309

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The Living Room/Le Vivoir - Tel. (613) 563-0851 - 1-800-461-2182 (Ontario/Québec only/seulement)

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