

Street Smarts


At the Wall


If you are working on the wall you need your wits about you ALL the time.


Remember it's easy to forget the dangers, but get serious for a minute, you are working on a notorious, dark street, quite often alone and don't expect that other workers or passers by are going to come running to your rescue. It's a nice thought, but get real, this is the real world and people don't want to get involved.

Over the years, boys have been bashed, stabbed, shot at, robbed, picked up by cars they thought were harmless old mugs... only to be raped, bashed and murdered.


Safest parts of the Wall


 **Oxford Street end:** near the church. If attacked, it is your closest escape to lots of people. Some gay pubs are also "Safe Places". This is shown by a pink triangle sticker. It means that staff there will help you out. We would suggest the Oxford Hotel.

 **The Gates:** These are the gates of the Sacred Heart Hospice, half way down Darlo Rd. They are open till 10pm every night. If you are attacked get your arse in there, they will call the police for you or will help you out. If they are closed it's easy to get a foothold on them and hurl your fucking self over.

 **Green Park:** If there is trouble it is down hill to St. Vincents Casualty where you will be safe. Just be careful that bashers don't creep up on you from behind while you watch the road for mugs.


Safety tips for the street hustler


 Don't stand on the road. Cars often try to run you down.


 Never stick your head in the window while talking to a new mug in a car. A worker did this once. He was grabbed around the neck and dragged along the road as the driver sped off. Another worker leaned into a car window and had his throat cut.


Each issue we will give you safety tips that have helped keep us alive over the years. Some will sound extreme - but believe us, they will give you the edge in a crisis, all of these examples given are things that have really happened to male sexworkers.


Every time that you are attacked it is a life threatening situation. Your first goal is to stay alive! and besides, if you get injured, you don't get "workers comp".

 Beware of cars coming towards you with their lights on high beam. They may be trying to daze you for a second so they can jump out and bash you with out being identified.


 Cross the road if you see a group of people coming towards you. You can't always tell who is going to cause trouble until it's too late.


 Beware of cars with more than one passenger that drives slowly up the street. They are probably picking a victim. The trick they use is to drive up slowly, jump out and beat the shit out of you before you know what's hit you, and speed off. Sometimes they will drive slowly to grab you and pull you in.


 Always try to work in pairs. If either of you go on a job let the other know (sensibly) roughly how long you should be gone and get them to jot down the mugs rego number. Don't memorise it, there is usually too much going on to remember it. Even if you just scratch it into your smokes with a coin or lighter.

 **Whistles guys, whistles! Keep them on you. Remember, it all happens in a split second!**

In a client's car


 Never get into a car if you can't see if there is someone in the back.


 Try to keep your window open, you might need to scream. Never lock the car door. Never put your seat belt on in a client's car.


 Discretely keep your hand on the door handle while keeping your right leg braced on the middle bit between the two seats (centre column). The point to this is, that if there is any trouble, all you do is flick the door handle and push yourself out with your right leg, practice it.


On the job


These tips relate to your place, back room booths, rent a rooms, motels and any other room or building you may be going into with a client.


 Never walk into a room in front of a client, you may avoid getting a rope around the neck or a brick in the back of the head.

 Don't get locked in.

 Never accept food or drink... drug you out, the oldest trick in the book.

 Make sure that the client is naked before you are...he is less likely to misbehave.

 Never let him tie you up.

 Use your skills. There are lots of ways to carry out all these safety tips without offending your client. Most clients are fine and pleasant to deal with but you must always be on the lookout for the crazies.

Street Smart Sam says...

If in doubt, don't.

Better safe than sorry.

No loot, No root.

No pay, No play.

No dough, No blow.

No mula, No hula.

No bucks, No fucks.

No bread, No head.

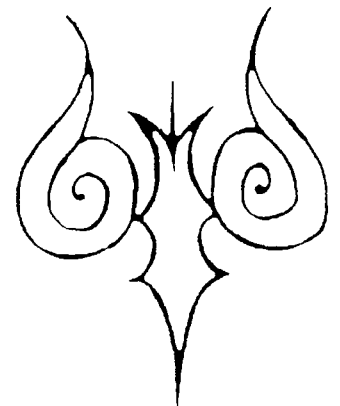
No francs, No wanks.

**"I broke the chain.
Wrap up or rack off"**

**We deserve better
than jerks who don't
respect us enough to
wear condoms - cute
or not!**

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