Do you know that...

- Sex workers are particularly vulnerable to sexual violence at work. Sex workers of color, migrant sex workers, transgender sex workers experience even greater risk of sexual violence and assault.

- There are very limited options to report the violence, and sex workers are reluctant to go to the police because of potential arrest or further assault.

- According to a systematic review of research, globally, sex workers have a 45% to 75% chance of experiencing sexual violence on the job.

- According to a report submitted to the United Nations by three sex worker advocacy organizations in 2004, police violence against sex workers has a pattern that includes “assault, sexual harassment, public ‘gender searches’ (police strip searches for the purpose of viewing genitalia) and rape.”

- Because of the stigmatizing notion that “sex workers cannot be sexually assault,” sex workers are usually left out of the national conversation around #MeToo.

- Sex workers are often ineligible for rape victim compensation funds or received reduced amounts.
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