

# Comparison of Decriminalization, Nordic Model/End Demand and Legalization

**FULL DECRIMINALIZATION OF SEX WORK IS THE ONLY MODEL SHOWN TO INCREASE WORKER SAFETY WHILE REDUCING BARRIERS TO RESOURCES.**

FULL DECRIMINALIZATION	END DEMAND	LEGALIZATION
Enables workers to more effectively screen clients, engage in more direct communication and organize with other workers to create safety and information networks. Lowers risk of STI and HIV transmission.	Removes criminal penalties for sex workers but not for clients or peer organizing leading to clients preferring rushed, isolated, and anonymous interactions which could create dangerous situations for workers	Creates a regulatory framework that leaves some workers criminalized. Low income workers might not be able to afford regulatory fees and licenses. Legal enforcement of regulations leads to higher chance of criminalization of sex workers or sex work related activities
Removes criminal penalties for sex work and sex work related activities	Workers' financial resources are impacted, leading them to having less choice in clients and having to take bigger risks in order to survive	Resources provided to law enforcement to enforce regulations. Criminalized workers still experience barriers to resources
Reduces fear of arrest and allows workers to more freely pursue resources, safety measures and services	Rates of violence against workers go up due to criminalization of safe client-screening options. Clients are less likely to participate in screening and condom usage leading to potentially higher rates of STI and HIV transmission	Creates a division between "legal" vs "illegal" sex workers and encourage policing and criminalization and stigma of sex work related activities
Limits interactions between sex workers and police and decreases stigma and legal concerns so that sex workers can safely access sexual health services	Requires sex workers to continue to avoid police due to criminalization of sex work related activities, supplies and location and continue to face harassment while seeking sexual health services	Criminalized workers still experience risks to safety; non-criminalized workers can lose autonomy around safety practices