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CARE FOR MIND & BODY

Practice safer sex. Properly use condoms. Too many drugs and late nights can wear down your system, so plan ahead on taking breaks. Shower between clients, and use that time to renew yourself. It never hurts to have a snack handy to get ready for the next session. Plan getaways for your mind to relax and unwind.

SET CLEAR BOUNDARIES

Making a contract with yourself will help define what you are willing and not willing to do during a session. In the heat of the moment or under pressure, it can be more difficult to stick to your own guidelines, so take a few minutes before a session to remember your own rules, communicate them to your client, and allow yourself to relax.

KEEP CONTROL

You are the guide - you can set the course of the session. If the client looks stronger than you, make sure they aren't in any positions that could compromise your boundaries. For a first time client, stay cautious and aware of their actions. Stay confident and guide them through the session to stay safely in charge.

LEAVE IF YOU MUST

If you feel threatened or even a little uncertain about a client, it is best to walk away. If you are engaged in a session and the client is pushing your limits, try reaffirming them. But if they don't listen, leave by any means necessary. You are not required to complete a session, and while it sucks to not get the cash, it's better to seek a safe space.

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CARE FOR MIND & BODY

Building the body beautiful helps your sessions with clients, but building the body healthy will keep you going for a long time. Learn to eat well and find escapes that allow you good rest. Balance out the party time with some quiet hours to relax and clear your mind of work and personal issues. And a routine check-up with a doctor you trust (or a free public health services provided physician) will help make sure you continue being the body breathing.

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Escaping the job sometimes means getting all piggy with the nightlife (and the sex life), but keeping your senses with a stranger/fuckbud/boyfriend is no different than keeping your wits with a client. Enforce your boundaries. You don't always have to guide your personal life, but make sure that your limits are being respected.

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Not an ideal outcome, but you gotta remember that whether it is a fuckbud or a date, you can leave if they are making you uncomfortable or not respecting your boundaries. Abusive boyfriends are never worth the price of losing your safety.

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