

# Portland Bad Date Line LP 3/08

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## Mission Statement

The Portland Bad Date Line (PBDL) is meant for us to share and circulate descriptions of harmful people. A bad date is a violent and/or abusive customer in the sex industry. Our hope is that someone would refer to the PBDL as an option to reduce risk for violence, abuse, rape, unwanted pregnancy, and hepatitis/STD and HIV transmission.

## Goal

It is our goal to collect and share descriptions of violent and/or abusive customers in the sex industry.

## Objectives

- 1) To collect bad date reports from sex workers, outreach workers, and agency referrals by telephone, word of mouth, e-mail and US Post.
- 2) To share written descriptions of bad dates with sex workers and local agencies on a monthly basis.

## History

The Portland Bad Date Line started in 1999 when a working girl told us (at outreach) about a bad date she had in a truck. We faxed his description to other agencies that served survival based prostitutes. Later that year one of our friends got hurt in-call during a private show. A group of us made a phone tree and called escorts who had ads in local adult magazines. Then the PBDL became a monthly sheet, primarily distributed through direct service agencies and in the jails. The PBDL has changed many hands and still keeps ticking. A project with heart, thank you Invisible Fringe, Sex Workers Action Group (SWAG), Danzine, Outside In's Syringe Exchange Program, and the Trans Identity Arts Resource Center (TIRC). This project is currently being facilitated by the Multnomah County Health Department HIV Prevention Program, Transition Projects Inc, and volunteers from the community. We send the sheet to over 50 agencies in Oregon, mostly in the Portland Metro Area.