

Human Rights Watch said that police actions open an estimated 4 million to 6 million of China's sex workers under to additional safety and health risks. Many women interviewed also said that they stopped carrying and using condoms after police deemed the condoms as evidence of prostitution.

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The report -- which focused on sex workers in Beijing's parks, salons and massage parlors -- said that some workers were detained after servicing undercover police.

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Human Rights called on China to protect basic rights of workers and prohibit arbitrary detentions, arrests and brutality and to ensure protection of workers in a call for basic human rights. It also called on officials to prosecute police offenders and to create legislation that removes criminal sanctions against voluntary and consensual sex.

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'Failure to uphold the rights of the millions of women who voluntarily engage in sex work leaves them subject to discrimination, abuse, exploitation, and undercuts public health policies,' the report said.

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