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STEP 1-Admit you are burnt out.

This sounds easy, but it's the hardest step. Our egos, as well as our incomes, are invested in feeling good about our work. It's not easy to admit that you are a mess. See it as an opportunity to grow.



STEP 7- Take good care of your body.

Eat well, exercise, and get bodywork.

A good massage can do wonders for a worn out whore or stripper.



8- Get your mind off sex work.

Take a class, go to a funny movie, hang out with children or old people. Make a list of the ten activities that make you most happy, and then do some of them.

STEP 2-Take breaks and vacations from your work

as a matter of course. Get sun, fresh air, take a boat ride. Spend time in nature. You may never even get crispy.



STEP 3- Spend time alone.

Do something relaxing and meditative. Just a languorous candle lit herbal bath can help wash away some burnout.



STEP 4-Get in touch with your true and deeper feelings and express them.

Repressed emotions alone can create burn out.



STEP 5- Get professional therapy.

It really can put things in perspective, and help you be more conscious about your personal challenges. Use only a non-judgmental, sex positive therapist. Be honest with yourself.



STEP 6- Start a support group with other sex workers.

The BEST cure of all is to share your experiences with your peers who have had similar experiences. It's very empowering!

STEP 9- Be willing to make less money.

Don't let the client determine the service. Let the client know what YOU offer. Practice saying "NO". Clean out your little black book. Decide what kinds of people *you* want to work with, and be willing to let those that don't fit the bill go by. Develop your own style.





STEP 10- Create other sources of income. Look into other businesses and career opportunities. Go to college or trade school, start a sideline so that you won't feel financially trapped. When you need a break from sex work, you'll have an alternate source of income.



STEP 11-Take a break from sex.

Hey, you don't HAVE to be sexy ALL the time! Give yourself a period of not having sex. Dress down. Don't wear makeup. This can help recharge your battery.

STEP 12- If your SWBO is chronic, get the hell out

of the business. Perhaps you're simply not cut out for sex work, it's not fulfilling your needs, or it's time for a change. You may need to leave the biz gradually, or go it 'cold turkey'. If there's a will, there's always a way.

TAKE GOOD CARE OF YOUR PRECIOUS SELF YOU'RE WORTH IT!

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