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About Intimacy Coordination

For many of the international production companies (HBO, Netflix, Amazon, etc.), it has become more the rule than the exception to use an Intimacy Coordinator for scenes containing some form of intimacy. In the wake of #metoo, awareness has also increased and responsibility for the safety and well-being of actors and teams has been taken to a greater extent than before. In Sweden, it is still relatively new, but more and more Producers are seeing the great benefits of having an intimacy coordinator on the team.

As an intimacy coordinator, you work closely with the director and actors in all scenes that have some form of intimacy in them. Just as a stunt coordinator would work with a scene containing falls, fights or some form of risk-taking. The intimacy coordinator has overall responsibility for the intimacy scenes and is available throughout the process, from breaking down scripts, talking and planning with the director, choreographing and rehearsing with the actors, participating on set and being there to support actors, director and team. By choreographing the scene and breaking it down in detail, it creates security for the actors and space to deepen their character work while at the same time minimizing the risks of crossing boundaries or creating discomfort.

So when should you bring in an Intimacy Coordinator? If a scene contains simulated sex, sexualized violence or nudity, you should always have an intimacy coordinator attached to the project from an early stage in pre-production.