



# HIV/AIDS Is a “Global Prison Crisis”

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“There is a global prison crisis,” said Manfred Nowak, the top investigator on torture and punishment for the United Nations, at the XVIII International AIDS Conference in Vienna, The Associated Press (AP) [reports](#). Nowak said that prisons are facilitating the transmission of HIV worldwide. Contributing factors include: overcrowding, non-sterile drug injection equipment, sex, rape and tattooing. He urged officials to provide HIV testing and education in prisons, as well as free condoms.

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