



HIV Awareness Needed for Airport Security Guards?

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Members of a Canadian HIV/AIDS support group in Prince George, British Columbia, say they faced discrimination from a security guard at Prince George Airport during a trip last month, [The Globe and Mail](#) reports (theglobeandmail.com, 4/9).

A spokesperson for the group Positive Living North says that on March 28, the group arrived at the airport to travel to Vancouver for a conference. However, the group says an airport security guard delayed their trip after expressing concerns about them flying on the WestJet plane and suggesting that the airport lounge and plane be “wiped down” after the group used them.

A spokesman for WestJet said the airline would never consider wiping down an airplane after it carried HIV-positive passengers. According to the article, Joe Gaviggin, spokesman for Garda World Security, the company that employs the airport’s security guards, said the company is investigating the discrimination claim.

The Canadian Human Rights Commission is working to create a resolution between Garda and Positive Living North that will have airport security guards take part in an HIV/AIDS awareness program.

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