

FQs RIGHTS & THE LAW

> DO PEOPLE WHO TRANSMIT HIV GO TO PRISON?

This depends on whether they were aware of their own HIV status at the time, whether they had disclosed their HIV positive status to their partner and whether they had taken precautions, like wearing a condom. There have been cases of those having been infected prosecuting the person that infected them if they felt they had done so maliciously.

There currently isn't any law that demands HIV positive people to disclose their status.

HIV positive people can only be prosecuted for reckless transmission if all five points below are applicable:

- i. They knew they had HIV
- ii. They understood how HIV is transmitted
- iii. They had sex with someone who didn't know they were HIV positive
- iv. They had sex without a condom

> WHY ARE PEOPLE OFTEN UNKIND ABOUT PEOPLE LIVING WITH HIV?

When people do not understand something or when something is different people can often become afraid. If people were able to understand more about HIV they would not be afraid of it and therefore would be more understanding and accepting to those living with/affected by HIV.

