
What about fighting and biting?

No one has ever got the HIV virus through biting or fighting. Though this is a theoretical risk (*could possibly happen*) it has not. When you bleed, your blood is pushing out, so it makes it hard for someone else's blood to get into your cut. To become infected with the HIV virus, the virus has to enter your blood stream, so your skin is a great defense.

Remember --- you can not tell by looking at someone if they have the HIV virus. A lot of people have the HIV virus but do not know it until they go for a test. Respect yourself and others by practicing safer sex and needle use.

So ... if someone on your range is HIV positive, you could:

- Educate yourself on HIV/AIDS
- Stop rumours and misinformation
- Treat the person as you would anyone else
- Respect their privacy
- Be a buddy - they could probably use a friend
- Call someone to get the answers you need

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I think someone on your range has HIV or AIDS, maybe it is even your cell partner.

You might be feeling:

- Angry - someone should have told you
- Scared - can you get HIV from him/her?
- Pissed off - they should not be on a range
- Sad - why did this happen to someone you like?
- Concerned - what can you do to help him/her?

You might want to:

- Get him/her kicked off the range
- Get him/her 'checked in'
- Let everyone else know
- Ignore and isolate the person

What you can do:

- Ask questions and educate yourself - maybe go to an HIV information session
- Be a friend
- Be supportive and compassionate

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

You CAN NOT get the HIV virus from:

- Sharing a cell
- Sharing food/drinks/forks/spoons
- Playing cards
- Playing sports together
- Shaking hands
- Kissing and hugging
- Saliva
- Sweat
- Tears

*HIV is **ONLY** passed through these body fluids:*

- Blood
- Cum (sperm/semen)
- Pussy juices (women's vaginal fluid)
- Mother's milk

*So ... the **ONLY** way the HIV virus can enter your body is through:*

- ~~Injecting~~ Sharing your works - needle, spoon, filter, water, or bleach for shooting up
- Sharing needles and ink or dye for tattooing and body piercing
- Sharing sharps for cutting

So ... unless you are participating in these high risk activities, YOU, as an HIV negative person are at no risk at all of getting the HIV virus.