

I am Gay: 5 things I fear

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Nearly eighty countries
have laws that criminalize
same-sex sexual relations²

I am scared of the police.

My gay friend was
put in jail.

The nurse was really
rude to me.

5.1%
of MSM are denied health
care based on sexuality³

MSM are at higher risk for
HIV infection¹

I am afraid to
go to the clinic.

My doctor won't
treat me well.

I am afraid to
be openly gay.

I might lose my job.

I decided to get
married so nobody
thinks I'm gay.

19%
of MSM are afraid to walk
in their own community³

I am not able
to get condoms
and lubricants.

I don't know where
to get condoms
discreetly.

1/10
Fewer than one in ten
MSM have access to HIV
prevention services⁴

Condom use by MSM is low⁵



I am worried to walk
around my neighborhood.

21.2%
of MSM report being
blackmailed³

I am worried others will
find out my HIV status.

I worry about
getting an HIV test.

42%
of MSM reported receiving
an HIV test and knowing the
result in the past 12 months⁵

I don't want to go
to my local clinic for
an HIV test.

I might not get
treatment.

18.5%
of MSM are afraid to
seek health care services³

It shouldn't be like this...

*MSM is the acronym for men who have sex with men



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