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## New Police Practices Help Fight HIV Epidemic



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Sex workers in San Francisco, Washington, DC, and part of New York State can now carry condoms – protecting themselves and their clients from HIV/AIDS – without fearing that police will use the condoms as evidence of prostitution.

In July, Human Rights Watch [released a report](#) based on interviews with more than 200 sex workers and transgender women from these cities, which have some of the highest HIV rates in the United States. Police harassment caused many sex workers to stop carrying condoms, their fear of arrest overriding their fear of disease.

But thanks in part to our advocacy in these cities, this practice is changing.

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Uruguayan senators made the right decision by allowing same-sex couples to marry. Final approval will enable gays and lesbians in Uruguay to marry the person they love and will strengthen the fundamental rights of everyone in Uruguay to equality and non-discrimination.

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## [In Burma, Mob Violence Destroys Part of City](#)

Anti-Muslim violence in central Burma has left an estimated 40 people dead and 61 wounded in the city of Meiktila. Satellite images released by Human Rights Watch showed that about 830 homes were destroyed.

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