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'Naked Scans'

DEEMED CONSTITUTIONAL

Flying the friendly skies anytime soon?

A recent ruling may leave travelers who are concerned about their privacy and dignity at airport security checkpoints even more frustrated.

The U.S. Court of Appeals in Washington, D.C., ruled that so-called "naked scans" are constitutional and not a breach of the Fourth Amendment, which protects citizens from being searched unreasonably.

The court ruled in favor of the Department of Homeland Security in the suit brought on by the Electronic Privacy Information Center (EPIC), a privacy rights group. The whole-body imaging scans, also known as advance imaging technology (AIT) scans, produce an image that is akin to an X-ray, and EPIC's lawsuit was based on the belief that the scans are unreasonable and breach citizens' rights.

EPIC has the right to appeal to the full appeals court or the Supreme Court.



The court ruled that security concerns surrounding air travel simply outweigh privacy concerns from travelers, especially given the fact that travelers can opt out of a "naked scan" and receive a pat-down search

by a Transportation Security Administration (TSA) staff member instead. The court did note that not only are many travelers unaware of this right, but that many complaints have surfaced about how aggressive these pat-downs are.

In the judge's mind, however, this gives travelers a choice between two search methods, and they can select the option which they personally feel to be less invasive.

In addition to deleting the image as soon as the passenger has passed through the security checkpoint, the AIT scanners also are equipped with an image distorting technology that helps retain a measure of privacy.

The TSA has plans to have as many as 1,000 full body imaging scanners in place nationwide by 2012. ■

MIZUNO BASEBALL AND SOFTBALL GLOVES recalled due to mold

The Consumer Product Safety Commission (CPSC) recently announced that Mizuno USA, Inc. was voluntarily recalling about 131,000 baseball and softball gloves



due to the presence of mold. The glove models affected by the recall include the Mizuno Supreme Series and Ballpark Pro baseball and softball gloves, which were sold at Walmart and Target stores nationwide, from April 2010 to May 2011, for around \$24 to \$60.

According to the CPSC, some gloves were found to contain a variety of molds that could cause respiratory or other infections in individuals with chronic health problems or with impaired immune systems. There have not been any injuries or incidents reported thus far.

The gloves included in the recall have a sewn-in white label on the heel of the glove with the words, “Made in Vietnam” and the model number. Model numbers include: GSP1251TG, GSP1300T, GSP1401TG, MMX122P, MMX115PWM, and MMX130. Additional details about the affected gloves, including descriptions, pictures, and also date codes for the different models can be found at www.cpsc.gov.

Consumers should immediately stop using the gloves and contact Mizuno USA for a full refund by calling 800-451-7913. ■

the dreaded UNINSURED MOTORIST

Fact #1: There are a whole lot of uninsured drivers on the roads these days.

Fact #2: If you are involved in a serious accident with someone

who is uninsured, you may encounter significant problems and financial hardship in addition to the normal stress of dealing with the accident itself and any injuries or fatalities that may have occurred.



The good news is that uninsured motorist coverage, which is very inexpensive in most cases, can bring you some level of protection.

Unfortunately, most drivers simply don't carry enough of this key coverage. A good level of coverage is \$500,000, but we suggest you carry as much as \$1,000,000 – if that amount of coverage is available from your insurer.

Besides the fact that you never know which drivers carry insurance and which ones don't, having the appropriate level of this insurance is critical because medical bills can skyrocket if hospitalizations are necessary. ***Just one day in the intensive care unit can top \$100,000.***

Another reason to have additional “uninsured” coverage is because many employer-provided health insurance plans require you to pay any lawsuit recovery back into the plan should you be awarded one. In these scenarios, your recovery can be depleted, leaving you with virtually nothing for any injuries and suffering you may have endured.

Call our office if you have questions about your policy. ■

student athletes:

PRIME TARGETS FOR MRSA INFECTIONS?

Developing a staph infection is bad enough. Having a staph infection that is resistant to antibiotics is even worse. That's exactly what Methicillin-resistant Staphylococcus Aureus (MRSA) infections are – staph infections that are resistant to many common antibiotics such as penicillin and amoxicillin.

While the most severe and life-threatening cases of MRSA infections are usually found in health-care facilities, where staph infections can develop in wounds, surgical sites or the bloodstream, other locations, such as schools, can also be prime candidates for infections.

Most MRSA infections arise as skin infections and typically are spread when the infected area on one person comes in contact with another person's skin. Skin infections will gravitate to any breaks in the skin, such as cuts or abrasions. As a result, student athletes may be at the most risk, especially those participating in sports in which physical contact is common.

Similar to regular skin infections, the sooner MRSA infections are recognized, the easier they are to treat. Symptoms of an MRSA infection include:

- The appearance of what look to be spider bites or bumps that are painful

- Pustules or boils that are red, swollen and painful
- Areas of skin irritation that are oozing pus or other drainage



Hygiene is the key to helping prevent MRSA infections from developing in schools.

Students should regularly wash their hands thoroughly with soap-and-water, or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer. It's important to keep any cuts or scrapes clean and bandaged until they've healed to avoid coming into contact with anyone else's wounds or bandages.

Athletic facilities must be fully stocked with the supplies necessary for athletes to maintain proper hygiene. All athletes should shower immediately after a game or match, and any suspected MRSA infection should be brought to the attention of a trainer, coach, or parent.

Treatment for these infections often includes incisions and draining of the area, followed by the implementation of specific antibiotics that the bacteria aren't resistant to. ■

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Billy Joe Thompson

FAQ



I was injured in a serious car accident – who's going to pay my medical bills?

- 1.) First, rely on your own health insurance policy. If you have primary health insurance, use it to cover your medical bills. You definitely don't want your doctor to send your account to collections.
- 2.) Next, review your auto insurance policy. Some policies include medical payment coverage. If you are unsure if your policy does, contact your auto insurance agent and check the limits of the coverage if you have it.

3.) The insurance company for the at-fault driver ultimately will be responsible for your medical bills. However, because the insurer won't pay until the end of the claim, you need to look to your own insurance first. ■

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