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Diabetes UK supports this important campaign drawing attention to the need for standard policies to be in place, for people with diabetes using insulin pumps going through security check procedures in airports. Those using insulin pumps need this device to deliver the insulin to live. Inconsistent approaches to screening across different airports causes unnecessary anxiety and concern whilst travelling, and significantly increases the risk of serious health problems – such as too high blood glucose in the short term which, over time, can lead to longer term health problems such as heart disease, kidney disease and amputations. Diabetes UK recognises the need for security and vigilance in airports, however greater awareness about diabetes and insulin pumps alongside consistent screening processes to avoid X-Ray and full body scanners, are needed to assure the health and safety of passengers using insulin pumps to manage their diabetes.

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