

## **NO FLY LIST KIDS – FAQs (03.12.2017)**

### **What is *No Fly List Kids*?**

No Fly List Kids exists because Canadian children (under 18) should not be flagged by Canada's No Fly List.

*No Fly List Kids* (NFLK) is a group of concerned Canadian families (+59 as of March 12, 2017) that are advocating for amendments to Canadian travel and security regulations.

Our families have children (under 18) whose names match those on Canada's "no-fly" list (Passenger Protect Program). These results in unnecessary delays, increased security scrutiny, and stigmatization for these children every single time they fly.

### **Who is affected?**

Currently, **over 59 Canadian families** have joined *No Fly List Kids*: [www.noflylistkids.ca](http://www.noflylistkids.ca)

These Canadian children are between six (6) months and seventeen (17) years old.

These Canadian children are come from a variety of races, cultures and religions.

There are over 12 Canadian families that have spoken to NFLK and stated they are afraid to come forward due to concerns about potential stigma. If protocol is followed, passengers are never informed that they have been flagged by the list. Based on this fact, we suspect that there are many families that are unaware that their child is on the no-fly list. The 43 families of NFLK represent the tip of the iceberg.

### **Why is this a problem?**

Having a child on the "no-fly" list is a serious concern, resulting in travel delays, increased scrutiny by security and airline staff, inability for families to check-in online, stigmatization and/or potential harassment.

It is an extremely stressful situation for parents and children. There is no guarantee from the Federal Government these children will not face increased harassment if their names continue to be flagged when they are 18 or older.

Canada, the United States, and other countries openly state that they share their no-fly lists in the name of security. NFLK families are therefore apprehensive and afraid to travel internationally, for fear of mistreatment or detainment, despite being completely innocent.

**To date we have received no confirmation from the Federal Government of why this problem exists, who is going to fix it, and when the solution will be finalized.**

## What is *No Fly List Kids* doing to resolve this issue?

*No Fly List Kids* is a group of Canadian families and volunteer supporters who have joined together to advocate for resolution on this issue.

We provide support and information to affected families. We are actively following up with local MPs, federal cabinet ministers Ralph Goodale and Marc Garneau, and Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, to advocate for our children and ask for immediate changes.

We will also continue to speak to local, national and international new outlets to share our story via media and social media to raise public awareness via our website: [www.noflylistkids.ca](http://www.noflylistkids.ca) and Twitter: [www.twitter.com/noflylistkids](https://www.twitter.com/noflylistkids) and Facebook Group: No Fly List Kids

## What must the Federal Government do?

The previous Federal Government (Ministry of Public Safety and Ministry of Transport) have been aware for years about this issue and did nothing to fix the situation so we request:

1. Immediately remove all Canadian children (under the age of 18 years old) from the DHP (“Deemed High Profile”) “no-fly” List
2. To ensure that any innocent Canadian affected by a false name-match on the “no-fly” list has access to a redress system to correct this problem in a timely manner. To amend travel and security regulations to ensure that false name-matches no longer occur. We believe this can be achieved with the inclusion of additional information (i.e. birthdate, SIN number and/or passport number).
3. Legislate / regulate all Canadian airlines (specifically Air Canada) to ensure they do not overtly or covertly run their own internal “no-fly” lists with innocent children on them.

## My child is identified on Canada’s “no-fly” list. What do I do?

**Contact us\*** ([info@noflylistkids.ca](mailto:info@noflylistkids.ca)) to share your story, and join over thirty (30) Canadian families who are working together to resolve this issue.

**Contact** Khadija Cajee (mother of 6 year old Adam Ahmed) via Twitter: [www.twitter.com/k\\_cajee](https://www.twitter.com/k_cajee) and/or email: [cajeek@gmail.com](mailto:cajeek@gmail.com).

*\*As Canadian parents ourselves, we promise to be **discreet, confidential, and respect the privacy** of your family. If you so wish, the name of your child can be added to our actively maintained list that we provide to the Minister of Public Safety Ralph Goodale.*

## Where can I learn more?

Visit our website ([www.noflylistkids.ca](http://www.noflylistkids.ca)) to see press articles, TV and radio coverage, and keep up to date with our story. Follow us on Twitter: [www.twitter.com/noflylistkids](https://www.twitter.com/noflylistkids)

Join us on Facebook:

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1752664041632813/>

Check out our partner: Air Passenger Rights Group (Canada)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/AirPassengerRights/>

## How can I help?

**STEP 1: TWEET** your local MP and these Ministers using the hashtag #NoFlyListKids.

PM Justin Trudeau: <https://twitter.com/JustinTrudeau>

MP Ralph Goodale (Minister of Safety): <https://twitter.com/RalphGoodale>

MP Marc Garneau (Minister of Transportation): <https://twitter.com/MarcGarneau>

**STEP 2: EMAIL** your local MP, Minister Goodale, Minister Garneau and Prime Minister Trudeau to voice your concern and demand immediate action. (Please visit our website <http://noflylistkids.ca/how-can-i-help/> to help you do so and access email samples in English et Francais).

## PRESS COVERAGE:

CBC Television: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?time\\_continue=4&v=2i4piHwpgQg](https://www.youtube.com/watch?time_continue=4&v=2i4piHwpgQg)

CBC National News (English): <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/markham-security-travel-watchlist-1.3387890>

CBC National News

(French): <http://ici.radio-canada.ca/regions/ontario/2016/01/03/002-surveillance-terrorisme-enfant.shtml...>

CTV National News (Live interview):

<http://www.ctvnews.ca/politics/he-s-six-parents-question-why-son-is-on-travel-security-list-1.2722246>

CTV London: <http://london.ctvnews.ca/family-unnerved-after-learning-young-son-s-name-on-no-fly-list-1.2724934...>

Global News: <http://globalnews.ca/video/2443095/ottawa-looks-to-make-changes-to-flight-security-watch-list>

CBC News: <https://youtu.be/SAa96yixvf4>

Conan O'Brien (1:20

mark): <http://teamcoco.com/video/conan-monologue-01-05-16?playlist=x%3BeyJ0eXBlljoidGFnlwiaWQjOjEwfQ#t=1:18>

GLOBAL National News:

<http://globalnews.ca/news/2636570/public-safety-planning-new-system-to-deal-with-no-fly-list-inaccuracies/>

**PRINT:**

**Globe & Mail (Front Page):**

[http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/no-need-to-vet-children-on-no-fly-list-goodale-tells-airlines/article28071116/?cmpid=rss1&click=sf\\_globe](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/no-need-to-vet-children-on-no-fly-list-goodale-tells-airlines/article28071116/?cmpid=rss1&click=sf_globe)

**Globe & Mail**

Editorial: [http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/editorials/the-problem-with-no-fly-lists-goes-beyond-the-unfair-targeting-of-children/article28087304/?utm\\_source=twitter.com&utm\\_medium=Referrer:+Social+Network+Media&utm\\_campaign=Shared+Web+Article+Links](http://www.theglobeandmail.com/globe-debate/editorials/the-problem-with-no-fly-lists-goes-beyond-the-unfair-targeting-of-children/article28087304/?utm_source=twitter.com&utm_medium=Referrer:+Social+Network+Media&utm_campaign=Shared+Web+Article+Links)

**Globe & Mail (Front Page):**

<http://www.theglobeandmail.com/news/national/parents-irked-toddlers-name-is-on-canadian-no-fly-list/article28015200/>

**Toronto Star (Front**

Page): <http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2016/01/04/ontario-boy-6-headed-to-nhl-winter-classic-finds-himself-on-no-fly-list.html...>

**The Montreal Gazette (Front**

Page): <http://montrealgazette.com/sports/hockey/stu-cowan-six-year-old-canadiens-fan-somehow-listed-as-threat-to-public-safety>

**New York Times:** [http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2016/01/04/world/ap-cn-canada-child-no-fly-list.html?\\_r=0](http://www.nytimes.com/aponline/2016/01/04/world/ap-cn-canada-child-no-fly-list.html?_r=0)

**The Guardian:** <http://www.theguardian.com/world/2016/jan/04/canada-six-year-old-no-fly-list-syed-adam-ahmed>

**Canadian Press:**

<http://www.nationalnewswatch.com/2016/01/07/new-airline-passenger-vetting-could-amount-to-racial-profiling-watchdog/#.VpepKia8n9r>

**New York Daily**

News: <http://www.nydailynews.com/news/world/hockey-loving-6-year-old-toronto-boy-no-fly-list-article-1.2485719>

**The Mirror (UK):** <http://www.mirror.co.uk/news/world-news/six-year-old-muslim-boy-7115414>

**Toronto**

Star: <http://www.thestar.com/news/canada/2016/01/08/airlines-told-they-dont-need-to-vet-children-against-no-fly-list.html>

**Metro**

News: <http://www.metronews.ca/news/canada/2016/01/07/goodale-promises-no-fly-list-review-as-part-of-broad-security-consultations.html>

**CBC National News (English):**

<http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/toronto/ralph-goodale-no-fly-list-air-canada-employee-aeroplan-1.3576417>

**RADIO:**

**CBC As It Happens:** <http://www.cbc.ca/radio/asithappens/as-it-happens-monday-edition-1.3388631>

(<https://twitter.com/cbcasithappens/status/684139021547778049>)

**SRC (French):** <https://twitter.com/matintoronto/status/684546360960499712>

**680 News:** <http://www.680news.com/2016/01/07/goodale-promises-no-fly-list-review-as-part-of-broad-security-consultations/>

**CJAD 800:**

<http://www.cjad.com/cjad-news-human-interest/2016/01/04/listen-how-did-this-6-year-old-habs-fan-wind-up-on-a-no-fly-list>

Fan 590: <https://player.fm/series/dean-blundell-and-company/dean-blundell-and-company-january-11-7-am>

CBC Metro Morning with Matt Galloway: [http://podcast.cbc.ca/mp3/podcasts/metromorning\\_20160105\\_38215.mp3](http://podcast.cbc.ca/mp3/podcasts/metromorning_20160105_38215.mp3)

**ONLINE:**

CBC: <http://www.cbc.ca/news/canada/hamilton/news/grimbsy-teen-on-no-fly-list-since-he-was-8-mom-says-1.3392149...>

CP24: <http://www.cp24.com/news/goodale-promises-no-fly-list-review-as-part-of-security-consultations-1.2728656>

L'Express

(France): [http://www.lexpress.fr/actualite/monde/amerique-nord/canada-syed-adam-six-ans-sur-la-liste-des-voyageurs-a-haut-risque\\_1750766.html...](http://www.lexpress.fr/actualite/monde/amerique-nord/canada-syed-adam-six-ans-sur-la-liste-des-voyageurs-a-haut-risque_1750766.html...)

Global National

News: <http://globalnews.ca/news/2440777/goodale-promises-no-fly-list-review-as-part-of-broad-security-consultations/>

Huffington Post:

[http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/01/03/air-canada-no-fly-boy-sulemaan-ahmed\\_n\\_8908224.html?ncid=tweetInkcahpmg0000002](http://www.huffingtonpost.ca/2016/01/03/air-canada-no-fly-boy-sulemaan-ahmed_n_8908224.html?ncid=tweetInkcahpmg0000002)

Yahoo: <https://www.yahoo.com/parenting/why-is-this-6-year-old-boy-on-a-no-fly-list-201048445.html> (It was the 11th highest trending story on Yahoo! In the US)