

# Put This In Your Ear And Light It Cigarette Marketers Target Kids For Cell Phones

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*This year's back-to-school bags may be packing something as dangerous as a miniature microwave activated next to the head, as parents succumb to nagging kids and commercials insisting on a cell phone for each member of the family old enough to dial and talk. But four new European studies suggest impaired ability to think and remember, cell damage, and probable increases in cancer as a result of frequent cell phone use. And children are the most vulnerable of all.*

This year's back-to-school bags may be packing something very damaging to young bodies and minds. But who's being warned? And who can resist? On television, billboards, the radio and the web – the messages are everywhere: you can't possibly be cool unless you use a cell phone.

Cell phone researcher Don Maisch points out that this advertising onslaught is being produced by the same transnational public relations corporations that previously gave us such delightful cartoon characters as Joe Camel.

About two-thirds of children's animated films shown in the United States include tobacco and alcohol use. Now cell phones and portable phones are appearing along with cigarettes in movies and TV shows aimed at children and their parents.

But once again, no words of warning are being offered concerning devices that are held repeatedly and for long periods against the body's most sensitive organs, while emitting the same frequencies microwave ovens use to cook food. With their thinner skulls, less robust immunity, and rapidly dividing cells, children suffer first and most from cell phone and base tower radiation.

## **TRY THIS**

Manufacturers insist they are selling colorful, safe devices that fit into a pocket and link family members to each other and the world.

But doctors and government-sponsored research panels in Europe, England, Asia, South Africa and Australia advise that parents who believe they are enhancing their children's safety and social standing by sending them back to school with cellphones are impairing their health and ability to learn.

The British Government commissioned famed biochemist Sir William Stewart to lead a team of biomedical specialists, who brought hundreds of years of collective expertise to focused on the cell phone quandary. Sir Stewart told a Glasgow science conference that after examining the effects of cell phones, he would not allow his grandchildren to use them.

## **WHY SALLY CAN'T LEARN**

After Britain's radiology board advised parents not to give mobiles to young children, the Irish Doctors Environmental Association declared that kids should be stopped from using mobile phones.

Dr. Michael Klieseisen conducted that British study. What the horrified researchers saw on their monitors was deep penetration of cell phone microwave radiation into soft brain tissue. Even worse, the resulting disruptions of the electrochemical synapses engaged in thought and learning persisted long after the phone was turned off.

## **UNSAFE IN ANY HANDS**

In January, 2005, Britain's National Radiological Protection Board advised parents not to let children  
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under the age of eight use cell phones, after four European studies suggested impaired cognitive function, cell damage and probable increases in cancer as a result of frequent cell phone use.

Last June, scientists at the Spanish Neuro Diagnostic Research Institute found that a two-minute cell phone call can alter the electrical activity of a child's brain for up to an hour afterwards impairing concentration and memory, allowing toxins to cross the blood-brain barrier, and possibly triggering aggressive behavior, as well.

Dr. Gerald Hyland, an adviser on mobile phones to the British Government, found these latest clinical results, "extremely disturbing". Hyland wonders whether children, whose brains are still developing, should be using mobile phones. If I were a parent, I would now be extremely wary about allowing my children to use a mobile even for a very short period. My advice would be to avoid mobiles."

## **CHILDREN DON'T NEED CANCER**

So many tumors in so many children in overdeveloped countries are especially troubling.

"Studies show there has been a 40% across-the-board increase in the number of brain tumors in the past 20 years," states Senator Lyn Allison of Australia, where brain tumors are now the leading cause of death in children under 15. "That 20 years has coincided with the use of mobile phone and many other radio frequencies." [Irish News Feb 9/05]

On December 8th 2000, the German Academy of Pediatrics issued a statement advising parents to restrict their children's use of mobile phones in view of "special health risks" associated with their growing bodies.

Wolfram Koenig, head of the "Bundesamt für Strahlenschutz" the federal authority for radiation protection in Germany told the Berlin Morgenpost that parents should not allow their children to use cell phones.

Similar alarms are being raised in Sweden, where cell phones are being marketed to children as young as 5 years. Parents should take their children away from that technology," declares Olle Johansson, Associate Professor of Neuroscience at the Karolinska Institute in Stockholm. Industry analysts predict that among more than 2 billion cell phone users expected by 2006, at least 500 million will be children.

## **TOWERS OF BABEL**

American University A co-ed named Fox keeps her cell close by. So does her roommate. Fox talks to her parents in Texas twice a day, and to her twin sister in Indiana at least four times a day. With negative health effects appearing within 60 seconds of commencing a cell phone conversation, the two roommates talk through 2,000 minutes a month.

"It used to be you'd call someone because you had a reason to call. Now you call because you're bored waiting for the bus to come," says grad student Ian Johnson. It's almost a noise pollution."

Many bystanders constantly assailed by inane, one-sided conversations would question the almost.

But while its true that lack of a cellphone can be cured, cancer often can't.

And there is nothing convenient about a lifetimes impaired learning ability, permanent eye damage, lost sleep, headaches and other microwave-sapping stress.

Still, you just cant be cool without a cigare ... I mean cell phone.

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