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Mobile, Wi-Fi... Are wireless technologies dangerous ?

Is the electromagnetic wave the tobacco of the 21st century ?

That's the question asked by specialists and public health bodies since the extensive net's plans (WiFi and mobile phones) are increased. Is there a carcinogenic factor ?

Last actor to ring the alarm : <u>European Environmental</u> <u>Agency which rests on a recent study from WHO.</u> (World Health Organisation).

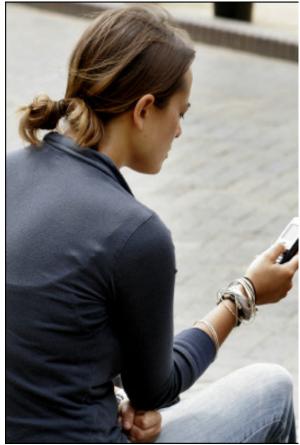
The phone too closed to the ear.

Scientists have studied 1 500 persons with a brain tumour, all living in England and in the Nordic countries.

And according to Elisabeth Cardis, waves drawn by cellular phone present a danger : "<u>There is an important</u> risk to accelerate a brain cancer development with a use of more than 10 years".

This established fact does not concern the last wireless technologies which are too recent to be evaluated. But it's nearly sure according to scientists that WiFi is less dangerous than the mobile as the user sticks his phone directly on his ear.

To some centimetres only of grey matter prompted by electric activity – the electric field is a wave.



David Hancock AFP/Archives ¦ A young woman uses her mobile

Precaution principle

Conclusions that drive all people to caution.

In Great Britain, teachers associations are requesting studies before P.C. installation equipped with wireless connections. And on the other side of Rhine River, last year, Frankfurt's persons in charge of school decided, by precaution, not to install wireless net.

And above all, because of the lack of accurate scientific data on the consequences of the waves for human.

France is also questioning itself. In September, Health Minister was asking to <u>Afsset</u> (French Health Security Agency) to evaluate risks for electromagnetic waves exposure.

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