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Mobile Scare For Mums-To-Be

Mums-to-be who frequently use mobile phones may be giving their children behavioural problems, according to new research.

A team of Danish scientists looked at a group of 13,159 children whose mothers were in their early pregnancies.

When the children were seven, their mothers were asked to fill in a questionnaire about their children's behaviour and health, also giving details of her own use of cell phones in pregnancy, and the child's subsequent use of them.



Pregnant women should avoid using mobile phones

Taking social and economic factors into account, the children who had been used to mobiles before birth were found to be 80% more likely to have abnormal or borderline scores on psychological tests.

Risks were higher for children exposed prenatally only, compared with those exposed only postnatally, but were lower than for children exposed at both time points.

The findings "certainly shouldn't be over interpreted, but nevertheless points in a direction where further research is needed," said researcher Dr. Leeka Kheifets of the UCLA School of Public Health.

"Mobile phones are a wonderful technology and people are certainly going to be using them more and more," she added.

"We need to be looking into what are the potential health effects and what are ways to reduce risks should there be any."

Regardless of whether or not the risks were real, Dr Kheifets said, they would be lessened if expectant mothers used a hands-free kit.



- BioInitiative Petition:

Protect your health from Elctromagnetic Radiation.

-Twelve proposals and twelve basic caution advices in a way to limit the user's exposition to mobile phone radiations.