

Cancer risk in mobile phones: Official

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MOBILE phones DO increase the risk of brain cancer, scientists claimed yesterday.

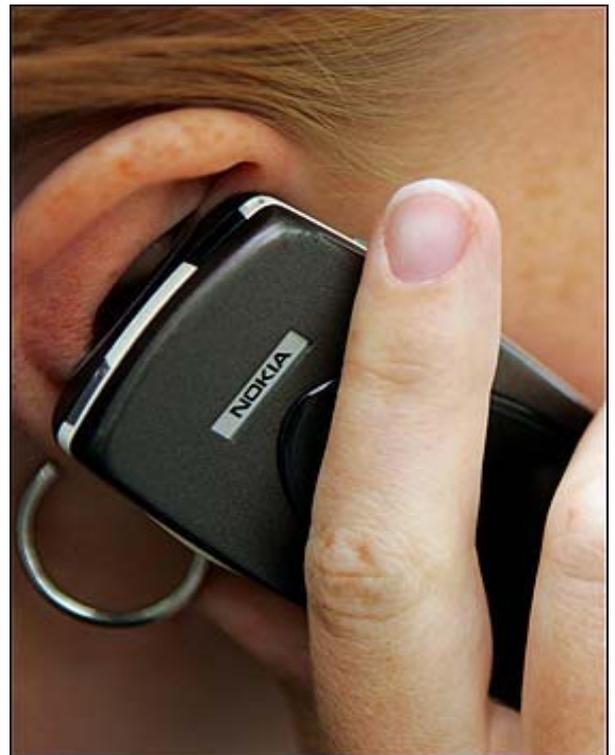
The chances of developing a malignant tumour are “significantly increased” for people who use a mobile for ten years.

The shock finding is the result of the biggest ever study by the International Agency for Research on Cancer, part of the World Health Organisation.

Scientists found a type of brain tumour called glioma is more likely in long-term mobile users.

French experts analysed data from 13 countries, including Britain.

They cross-referenced various types of tumours with mobile use.



Danger ... phone risk

Researchers admit the cause is unknown, but it is thought radiation from handsets could be the trigger.

Study chief Professor Elisabeth Cardis said: “To underestimate the risk would be a complete disaster.”

Last night a British expert insisted mobiles are not dangerous.

Professor Patricia McKinney of the University of Leeds said: “Reasonable use is unlikely to increase the risk of tumours.”

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