

# It might not be your boss giving you that headache.



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Citizens of the United States are being exposed to an unprecedented amount of radio frequency radiation (RFR), also known as wireless radiation, in the workplace. Industrial routers are placed next to people's desks and directly above their heads. Employers are neither advising that any distance be kept from the routers nor informing their employees that they are being exposed to a possible carcinogen while at work. Wireless devices are placed without concern about distance from an employee's body - a total disregard of the instructional manuals' warnings. They are not being told that they may experience headaches, anxiety, heart palpitations, attention difficulties, memory loss, fatigue, or other unexplained symptoms because of RFR.

In May 2011, the International Agency for Research on Cancer (IARC) - an arm of the World Health Organization - classified radio-frequency electromagnetic fields (RFR) as possibly carcinogenic to humans. This is in the same category as lead, chloroform, asbestos and DDT. RFR needs to be measured in the workplace for the safety of employees and procedures for use need to be established.

Under the Occupational Safety and Health Act,

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employers are responsible for providing a safe and healthful workplace. For most employees in the typical workplace, though, there is no mention of the possibly carcinogenic nature of RFR and there are not any safety protocols being issued. This inaction is a great void in our national decree to keep employees safe.

Reported health effects from RFR caused the Austrian Medical Association, in March, 2012, to recognize and develop electromagnetically hypersensitive treatment guidelines. In the United States, adverse effects were identified before 1988 when a US Air Force Review stated that "Experimental evidence has shown that exposure to low intensity radiation can have a profound effect on biological processes." German, Israeli, Australian, and Italian high courts have each decided in favor of the defendants when presented with the scientific evidence that RFR affects people. Each of these cases was filed against an employer for compensation for damages caused by RFR.

Some governments are limiting or banning Wi-Fi in public buildings such as schools, hospitals, and libraries to protect their citizens from this possible carcinogen. While, in the United States, most schools have installed Wi-Fi routers and purchased wireless devices adding to this onslaught of wireless radiation. People cannot escape exposure to the RFR emitted from these devices.

The Center for Safer Wireless has contacted the Assistant Secretary of Labor for Occupational Safety and Health, Dr. Michaels, of the Occupational Safety and Hazards Administration to alert him of the impact that RFR can have on the employee. Please join us with this effort and write to him about your concerns or about how RFR has impacted you at your job. His contact information is:

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# Teachers are suffering and experiencing health problems

The Los Angeles Unified School District approved a teacher's request to turn off classroom WiFi.

A Rhode Island teacher says the school's WiFi gives her daily headaches and insomnia. She speaks out even though she is threatened with losing her job.

## The Center for Safer Wireless Advocates for You

### **Smart meters**

During October, the Center for Safer Wireless, along with members of Maryland Smart Meter Awareness, met with various Senators' offices on Capitol Hill in Washington, DC. We provided them with facts about the unintended consequences of deploying smart meters throughout the United States. We focused on the health impact, privacy issues, increased costs to consumers and the reality that there are no proven energy savings from the smart meters. We will continue this dialog with more Members of Congress.

### Articles to read

<u>Use Of Cellphones Linked With Brain Cancer In</u>
<u>Massive Study</u>

WiFi Electrosmog a Risk to Health

### Please consider signing these petitions

Tell the Department of the Interior to not put cell towers in our national parks.

Request that New York State Attorney General's Office file an injunction against NYC DoITT's payphone hotspot scheme.

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