



## Berkeley, Once More, Leads the Nation in Public Health and Safety



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The City of Berkeley is a leader in raising awareness of environmental health concerns. The City was one of the first to inform its citizens about the health risks of tobacco, and in 1977 it enacted the first clean indoor air law. Other cities followed this precedent. As a result of these legislative victories; most Americans are protected from secondhand smoke at work and in public areas. The City of Berkeley is now leading the country with its recent cell phone safety ordinance.

On September 21, 2015, Federal District Court Judge Edward Chen gave the City of Berkeley permission to implement the City's landmark cell phone "right to know" law after deleting only one sentence "This potential risk is greater for children." According to the judge, the language referencing children is not based on federal safety guidelines or any scientific consensus on the effects of cell phone radiation

Judge Chen agreed that the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) research and guidelines supported the rest of the ordinance, stating that "in spite of the availability (in product manuals), there is

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evidence that the public does not know about those disclosures" The ordinance would correct this by requiring sellers to inform customers that a user may be exposed to higher levels of wireless radiation by carrying the device in a pocket or tucked into a bra when it's connected to a wireless network.

Judge Chen made this important remark to remember and share among your social networks. "There is a reasonable scientific basis to believe that (radio-frequency radiation emissions) at some levels can and do present health risks," he said.

The Judge denied CTIA's - The Wireless Association's- request for a preliminary injunction that would have completely blocked enforcement of the ordinance until the case was fully resolved. The City is now moving rapidly to vote on October 6th on that one sentence modification.

Although the cell phone industry will appeal this case, cell phone vendors in Berkeley, California will soon be required to provide customers with a safety warning either by giving the customer a handout or by posting the following notice in the store:

"The City of Berkeley requires that you be provided the following notice:

To assure safety, the Federal Government requires that cell phones meet radio frequency (RF) exposure guidelines. If you carry or use your phone in a pants or shirt pocket or tucked into a bra when the phone is ON and connected to a wireless network, you may exceed the federal guidelines for exposure to RF radiation. Refer to the instructions in your phone or user manual for information about how to use your phone safely."

[Click here to read the Preliminary Injunction Opinion](#)

Many thanks to all of the people who put force such incredible efforts on behalf of the consumer's right to know!

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The Center for Safer Wireless will exhibit at the Take Back Your Health Conference at the RENAISSANCE ARLINGTON CAPITAL VIEW HOTEL in Arlington, Virginia on October 3 and 4. If you are at the conference please stop at our table and say hi! We would love to see you! For more information about the conference, visit the website [Take Back Your Health Conference](#).

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