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Worried About WiFi

While thousands of studies say we have nothing to fear from the radiation from mobile phone masts there's a growing body of scientific evidence that never receives the same kind of publicity. It points towards harmful biological effects on humans from mast and phone signals. The RTE Radio Investigative Unit reveals how the government's policy has been to protect the interests of the multi billion euro mobile phone industry, and ignore new health concerns.

What is apparent is that there are two competing forces - an industry that wants to continue to expand coming up against scientists calling for more research before we give anything a clean bill of health. The Radio Investigative Unit has established that the Irish government has taken a clear stand on one side of this debate and actively ignored the voices urging caution.

Listen to the report on Today with Pat Kenny on Tuesday 22nd January 2008.

In particular the experiences of one group of people are giving some scientists pause for thought. They are sufferers of an illness some call Electro Hyper Sensitivity. EHS sufferers are sensitive to any form of electro magnetic radiation from electronic appliances. In areas where the majority of us will notice absolutely nothing they will be having sometimes violent reactions to electronic radiation... burning sensations, noises in the head like a badly tuned radio, aching limbs, nausea, sweats, dizziness. Symptoms differ from person to person but are broadly the same.

Listen to the report on Drivetime on Tuesday 22nd January 2008.

Extended unbroadcast interviews. Listen below for extended interviews with sufferers of Electro Hyper Sensitivity and the scientists we interviewed for this report.

Holly Moore describes a typical day in her life: [Listen here](#)

Enda D'Alton believes he and other sufferers are the canaries in the mine: [Listen here](#)

Margaret Cousins moved out of her home to escape radiation: [Listen here](#)

In Sweden the state has reached the conclusion that as many as 3% of the population could be suffering various symptoms of EHS. But the Irish government has given mobile phones a clean bill of health.

"Ireland's Electro Magnetic Field policy is not to allow the Electro magnetic field health issue effect the growth and prosperity of the Irish economy" a statement of government policy on mobile phones by a chief technical adviser to the Department of Communications.

Several of the big mobile phone companies have taken out or are currently negotiating insurance policies against the possibility of class action damages cases in the future. This might be nothing more than a prudent contingency, the kind of thing that public companies do to show their shareholders that their investment is safe come what may.

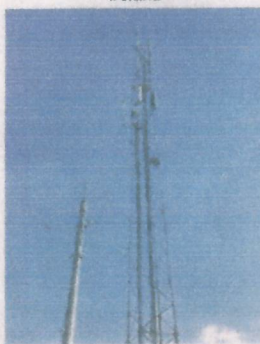
But it might also be an implicit admission by the mobile phone companies that we just don't know enough yet to make the conclusions that we are making.



Mobile Phone Mast



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