

Letter to School Officials About the Threat of Wi-Fi in Schools

The following letter was prepared by Janis Hoffmann (parentsforsafeschools@gmail.com)

Dear School Officials,

Parents have sent School Officials 1,000's of peer reviewed studies by scientists and medical experts showing the harmful effects of wireless technology associated with long term exposure to microwave radiation such as increased infertility, neurodegenerative disease and cancer. **Experts both nationally and internationally continue to call on the Canadian government to implement much stricter exposure standards for radio frequency radiation to mitigate risk, especially for infants and children who are most vulnerable.**

Why have School Officials refused to heed the recommendations from the highest level of public health? **The World Health Organization (WHO), declared that parents should reduce children's chronic exposure to RF/MWR where ever possible to mitigate risk for harmful effects**, pointing out that any reasonable measure to limit or reduce exposure would be benefit children, fetuses and those with EHS.

According to a report delivered June 18th 2015, by the **House of Commons Standing Committee on Health (HESA) the microwave radiation from wireless devices is now a "serious public health issue"**. The Canadian Parliamentary Committee discussed possible links between RF exposure and cancer, reproductive issues and autism. Concerns were raised about RF exposure in schools due to use of Wi-Fi; the need for RF exposure limits to protect vulnerable populations such as pregnant women, infants and children, and persons with electromagnetic hypersensitivity (EHS)

<http://www.citizensforsafetechnology.org/HESA-Report-of-the-Standing-Committee-on-Health-June-17-2015,49,4240>

The International EMF Scientist Appeal, signed by over 200 EMF research scientists, university professors and medical doctors from 40 countries, **called upon the United Nations, the WHO, and the UN Member States to address the emerging public health crisis**

<http://emfscientist.org/>

Health Canada has disregarded or minimized certain recent studies, such as cancer, DNA damage, protein synthesis, stress response, and detrimental biological health effects in humans that occur at radiation levels far below the existing Safety Code 6 Guideline. During the hearings four international experts testified that **Health Canada is "either unwilling or not competent" to judge current scientific evidence that wireless radiation is harmful to our health. Health Canada is not protecting the public.**

<http://www.cmaj.ca/content/187/9/639.full>

<http://www.c4st.org/HCSubmissions>

In February 20, 2013, in the **Superior Court of Quebec, James McNamee**, Health Canada scientist admitted that the **Safety Code 6 guidelines for microwave radiation** (which includes radiation from devices such as mobile phones, cell phone antennas, Wi-Fi, wireless toys and baby monitors, smart meters etc. **is based ONLY on preventing a heating effect! That is burning of the skin within 6 minutes.**

The statement in the Preface of Safety Code 6 (2009) is the following (page 3):

*The purpose of this code is to establish safety limits for human exposure to radiofrequency (RF) electromagnetic energy in the frequency range from 3 kHz to 300 GHz. **The safety limits in this code apply to all individuals working at, or visiting, federally regulated sites. These guidelines may also be adopted by the provinces, industry or other interested parties.***

Health Canada's Safety Code 6 does NOT apply to provinces, industry, or other interested parties. The provinces have the authority to establish levels far more restrictive than Safety Code 6.

Dr. McNamee finally admitted that the guidelines in question regarding cell towers are based ONLY on preventing a thermal effect and it is now accurate to say that **Canada does not have a guideline to protect Canadians from long-term exposure to "non-thermal" levels of microwave radiation!** (Dr. Magda Havas)

In February 2015, Lloyds of London officially reiterated its long-held policy to **exclude any liability coverage for injuries, "Directly or indirectly arising out of, resulting from, or contributed to by electromagnetic fields, electromagnetic radiation, radio waves or noise."** (*Exclusion 32*) This would include microwave wireless radiation emitted from the commercial grade Wi-Fi transmitters and the multiple wireless devices.

<http://www.citizensforsafetechnology.org/Lloyds-of-London-excludes-coverage-for-RFEMR-claims,2,4168>

The Ministry of Education has put the onus on the individual School Boards to approve the installation of this wireless technology thus relieving themselves of any liability. It is made very clear in a letter to the BCCPAC dated November 19, 2012, from the Ministry of Education, ***the Board of Education has the authority to develop policies addressing the use of wireless technology in schools and to implement the appropriate technology where it is deemed necessary to support the education needs of students.***

When parents requested ONE peer reviewed study proving 'wifi was safe for children

and the unborn,' Health Officers were unable to present one. The Provincial Health Officer, **Dr. Kendall has stated in a letter in March 2015, "Nor, as others have suggested do I make statements that such radiation is 'safe' "**.

Vancouver Island School Medical Officer **Dr. Stanwick has stated:** Upon review of the evidence, the prevailing position in this province from experts at the federal, provincial and regional levels is that the evidence reveals that **"Wi-Fi exposure in schools does not pose a level of risk that is unacceptable."** The other chief medical health officers in the province, Provincial Health Officer, Ministry of Health and other federal and provincial agencies hold this position.

Stating there is in fact a risk.

Why are School Officials refusing Parents, Teachers and Students their RIGHT TO KNOW <http://www.c4st.org/PMB> about the health risks from this unregulated technology that has never been tested for safety? **Safety Manuals and Disclaimers have not been disclosed**, for example:

Apple instructs its users: *"Read all safety information below and operating instructions before using iPad to avoid injury."*

"...to be sure that human exposure to RF energy does not exceed the FCC, IC, and European Union guidelines, always follow these instructions and precautions: Orient the device in portrait mode with the Home button at the bottom of the display, or in landscape mode with the cellular antenna (located under the black edge at the top of the device) away from your body or other objects"

A child cannot hold an iPad without being exposed to microwave radiation pulsating every 4 seconds. That's 900 bursts of radiation in one hour!

The user manual also recommends users (many children): ***"you can further limit your exposure by limiting the amount of time using iPad Wi-Fi+3G in wireless mode, since time is a factor in how much exposure a person receives, and by placing more distance between your body and iPad Wi-Fi + 3G, since exposure level drops off dramatically with distance."***

Samsung 3G Laptop: ***"Usage precautions during 3G connection: Keep safe distance from pregnant woman's stomach or from lower stomach of teenagers. Body work operation: Important safety information regarding radiofrequency radiation (RF) exposure. To ensure compliance with RF exposure guidelines the Notebook PC must be used with a minimum of 20.8 cm (8 Inches) antenna separation from the body."***

Apple "iPhone's SAR measurement may exceed the FCC exposure guidelines for body-worn operation if positioned less than 15 mm (5/8th inch) from the body. When using iPhone near your body for voice calls or for wireless data transmission over

a cellular network, keep iPhone at least 15 mm (5/8th inch) away from the body, and only use carrying cases, belt clips or holsters that do not have metal parts and that maintain at least 15 mm (5/8th inch) separation between iPhone and the body

Why are teachers being forced to claim disability or early retirement, parents having to take their children out of school for home schooling and others forced in frustration to give up their parental right to protect their children? Why is it no amount of evidence, peer reviewed studies, presentations by scientists and medical experts fail to make School Officials understand this mandatory exposure to microwave radiation causes permanent and irreversible damage?

Parents want to know why are School Officials willfully turning a deaf ear to the voices of our children who are suffering from this RF exposure?

Janis Hoffmann

Victoria BC

The American Academy of Pediatrics asserts: *"that every child should have the opportunity to grow and develop free from preventable illness or injury."*

<http://pediatrics.aappublications.org/content/99/2/279>

According to the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child (1989):

Article 3

1. In all actions concerning children, whether undertaken by public or private social welfare institutions, courts of law, administrative authorities or legislative bodies, the best interests of the child shall be a primary consideration.

2. States Parties undertake to ensure the child such protection and care as is necessary for his or her well-being, taking into account the rights and duties of his or her parents, legal guardians, or other individuals legally responsible for him or her, and, to this end, shall take all appropriate legislative and administrative measures.

3. States Parties shall ensure that the institutions, services and facilities responsible for the care or protection of children shall conform with the standards established by competent authorities, particularly in the areas of safety, health, in the number and suitability of their staff, as well as competent supervision.

<http://www.ohchr.org/EN/ProfessionalInterest/Pages/CRC.aspx>