

SWI – ES Survey:
A Health Study On The
Prevalence of Electro-Sensitivity Conditions

(Email Response Option)

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Dear Participant:

The Safe Wireless Initiative – UK, a project under the non-profit Science and Public Policy Institute based in Washington, D.C., is conducting a study in the United Kingdom, Ireland, and the Channel Islands during the **month of November**.

The purpose of the study is to assess the prevalence of Electro-Sensitivity (ES) conditions associated with exposure to Electro-Magnetic Radiation (EMR) from wired and wireless technology. Our main purpose is to derive accurate estimates of the magnitude of this problem.

All personal information gathered in this study remains *confidential*. Your name will not be disclosed to any outside party, nor will any information you provide. The findings will be published only in aggregate as compiled data.

It is important for this study to include people who feel they are electro-sensitive, and people who feel they are not. After you have completed the survey, please ask two other friends, family members, or associates, who do not believe they are affected by these exposures, to complete the survey as well.

It is only through your participation that we are able to find clues for the prevention and treatment of these conditions.

Thank you for your help.

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By November 30, please email your completed survey to: surveys@safewireless.org

SWI – ES Survey: UK, Ireland, and Channel Islands

Today's Date: _____

Before you begin the rest of this survey, please answer the following questions:

Question A.

Do you consider yourself to be Electro-Sensitive (ES) - having adverse reactions to wired equipment, wireless devices, and/or wireless networks? Please check.

1. Yes ____

If yes, how are you affected? a) Mildly ____ b) Moderately ____ c) Severely ____

2. No ____

3. I don't know ____

Question B.

Have you previously completed the SWI ES-Survey? Please check.

1. Yes _____

If yes, which version: a.) mail-in: _____ b.) email: _____ c.) online _____

d.) Estimated Date (if possible): _____

2. No _____

This Survey consists of the following:

- Section I: Symptoms
- Section II: Electro-Magnetic Radiation (EMR) Exposure – Wireless (Wi-Fi) Devices
- Section III: Electro-Magnetic Radiation (EMR) Exposure – Electric Devices
- Section IV: Related Conditions
- Section V: Primary Source of Symptoms
- Section VI: Further Information

Disclaimer - The information contained within this survey does not provide medical advice and is not intended to be used for medical diagnosis or treatment. In the case of any disease, you should always consult your health care practitioner.

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Section I – Symptoms:

Please check those that may affect you when you are exposed to wired, and/or wireless, devices.
For the rest of this Survey, the following list will be referenced as ‘Symptoms from Section I’:

1. Abdominal pain _____
2. Aggressive moods _____
3. Allergies _____
4. Cold or flu (persistent) _____
5. Depressive moods _____
6. Dry or painful eyes _____
7. Erratic blood pressure _____
8. Excessive sweating at night _____
9. Fatigue _____
10. Hair loss _____
11. Headaches _____
12. Heart palpitations/irregular heartbeat _____
13. Inability to focus _____
14. Irritability _____
15. Learning difficulties _____
16. Libido disturbances _____
17. Light-headedness/dizziness _____
18. Loss of appetite _____
19. Memory loss _____
20. Menstrual flooding/irregularities _____
21. Metallic taste in mouth _____
22. Nausea _____
23. Nightmares _____
24. Pain/discomfort in the heart area _____
25. Pain in the head, neck, shoulders, back _____
26. Panic attacks _____
27. Poor concentration _____
28. Ringing of the ears _____
29. Sensitivity to noise and/or light _____
30. Sleep problems _____
31. Skin rashes/bumps/dryness _____
32. Tingling – in the head, hands and/or feet _____
32. Vision problems _____

9. Have a GPS, satellite radio, or wireless system, in your car? Yes___
10. Drive a commercial truck, or taxi, with a satellite/GPS locator? Yes___
11. Regularly use a laptop computer? Yes___
- a) If yes, is it often connected to Wi-Fi (wireless) Internet? Yes___
12. Regularly use a personal or desktop computer? Yes___
- a) If yes, is it often connected to Wi-Fi (wireless) Internet? Yes___
13. Have Wi-Fi (wireless) Internet access in your home? Yes___
- a) In your workplace or school? Yes___ I don't know___
- b) In your neighborhood? Yes___ I don't know___
- c) Is your city wireless? Yes___ I don't know___
14. Live or work near a mobile tower, or mast? Yes___ I don't know___
- If yes:
- a) Within 100 metres? Yes___ I don't know___
- b) Within 200 metres? Yes___ I don't know___
15. Work with, or live near, radar devices or systems? Yes___ I don't know___
16. Use an amateur radio, 2-way or CB radio? Yes___
17. Have a DECT (cordless) phone? Yes___
- If yes:
- a) In your home/office/school? Yes___
- b) In your bedroom? Yes___
- c) Your total number of DECT (cordless) phones, and/or baby monitors is:
 1 ___ 2 ___ 3 ___ 4 ___ Other (please enter) _____
18. When you are around wireless (Wi-Fi) "hot spots", or devices, do you experience Symptoms from Section I? Yes___ I don't know___

Other exposures:

19. Are you an airplane pilot or flight attendant? Yes___
20. Do you travel often and pass through security body scanners? Yes___
- a) If yes, do you experience any Symptoms from Section I with exposure? Yes___ I don't know___
21. Do you work at supermarket checkouts/libraries near scanners? Yes___
- a) If yes, do you experience any Symptoms from Section I with exposure? Yes___ I don't know___
22. Have you had a CT scan? Yes___
- a) If yes, did you experience any Symptoms from Section I with exposure? Yes___ I don't know___

23. Have you had an MRI? Yes___
 a) If yes, did you experience any Symptoms from Section I with exposure? Yes___ I don't know___
24. Have you had medical and/or dental x-rays? Yes___
 a) If yes, did you experience any Symptoms from Section I with exposure? Yes___ I don't know___
25. Have you had a long-term hospital stay – more than one week? Yes___
 a) If yes, did you experience any Symptoms from Section I? Yes___ I don't know___

Section III – Electro-Magnetic Radiation (EMR) Exposure – Electric Devices:

Please check 'Yes', or 'I don't know', as appropriate. Leave an item blank to signify 'No'.

Do you:

1. Use an electric blanket, and/or heating pad? Yes___
2. Sleep on a/an:
 a) Electric adjustable bed? Yes___
 b) Metal bed frame? Yes___
 c) Coiled mattress/box springs? Yes___
 d) Electrically-heated water bed? Yes___
3. Sleep within 2 metres/6 feet of electric devices, including:
 a clock, radio, compact fluorescent, or low voltage halogen, lights? Yes___
4. Sleep within 6 metres/20 feet of an electrical fuse panel? Yes___
5. Stay in a hotel more than five nights per month? Yes___
6. Regularly use a hairdryer and/or electric shaver? Yes___
7. Use a microwave oven? Yes___
8. Are you often by the front burners of an electric stove,
 or near electric room heaters, while they are operational? Yes___
9. Are you often near "off-peak" or "overnight" electric storage heaters? Yes___

Do you:

10. Live/work/school near high-tension power lines? Yes___ I don't know___
11. Live in a rural area? Yes___
12. Live in a densely populated urban area? Yes___
13. Work/live near electrical transformers? Yes___ I don't know___
14. Work/live near a electrical sub-station? Yes___ I don't know___
15. Live/work near an airport? Yes___
If yes:
 a) Within 0-5 km? Yes___
 b) Within 5-15 km? Yes___

16. Work/live in a brightly lit room more than 5 hours daily? Yes___
17. Work with power tools? Yes___
18. Work with other electrical, or high frequency, equipment? Yes___
19. Does your home/work have dimmer switches on any lights? Yes___
20. Do you have low voltage halogen, tube or compact fluorescent, lights at work and/or at home or school? Yes___
21. Do you live or work in an area with high radon gas? Yes___ I don't know___
22. Do you drive/ride in a gas/electric hybrid car? Yes___
23. Do you experience Symptoms from Section I around electric devices? Yes___ I don't know___

Section IV – Related Conditions:

Please check the items that apply only to **your personal health history**.

1. Adrenal overload _____
2. MND _____
3. Alzheimer's Disease _____
4. Autism Spectrum Disorder _____
5. Brain aneurism _____
6. Cancer
- a) Eye _____
- b) Ear _____
- c) Brain (adult or child) _____
- d) Breast _____
- e) Testicular _____
- f) Leukaemia (adult or child) _____
- g) Lymphoma _____
- h) Other: _____
7. Candidiasis _____
8. Cataracts _____
9. Cardiovascular disease _____
10. Chronic Fatigue Syndrome
ME (myalgic encephalomyelitis) _____
11. Dementia _____
12. Fibromyalgia _____
13. Food sensitivities _____
14. Heart attack _____
15. Heavy metal toxicity _____
16. High blood pressure _____

- 17. Infertility _____
- 18. Insomnia _____
- 19. Irritable Bowel Syndrome _____
- 20. Leaky gut syndrome _____
- 21. Learning Disorder _____
 - a) ADD _____
 - b) ADHD _____
- 22. Lupus _____
- 23. Lyme Disease _____
- 24. Migraine, or other severe headaches _____
- 25. Miscarriage _____
- 26. Multiple Chemical Sensitivities (MCS) _____
- 27. Multiple-sclerosis _____
- 28. Parkinson's Disease _____
- 29. Sleep disorder _____
- 30. Stroke _____
- 31. Systemic infection _____
- 32. Thyroid gland disorders _____
- 33. TIA (Transient Ischemic Attack) _____

33. Do any of these conditions feel worse when you are exposed to wired, and/or wireless, devices?

Yes _____ I don't know _____

Section V – Primary Source of Symptoms:

Select the item/s you think most triggered your Symptoms from Section I.

Please check "Yes", or "I don't know", as appropriate. **Leave an item blank to signify 'No'.**

- 1. Bacterial infection Yes _____ I don't know _____
- 2. Viral infection Yes _____ I don't know _____
- 3. Brain injury Yes _____ I don't know _____
- 4. Emotional stress Yes _____ I don't know _____
- 5. Chemical or other environmental exposure Yes _____ I don't know _____
- 6. High Electro-Magnetic Radiation (EMR) exposure incident Yes _____ I don't know _____
- 7. Prolonged Electro-Magnetic Radiation (EMR) exposure Yes _____ I don't know _____
- 8. Prolonged use of mobile phone, PDA or other wireless devices Yes _____ I don't know _____
- 9. Living near a mobile phone tower, or mobile phone mast(s) Yes _____ I don't know _____

10. Other – please specify _____

Section VI – Further Information:

Required Data: To use your survey as part of this study, we need the following essential information.

Please circle:

1. Gender: Male Female
2. Age: over 80 60 – 80 40 – 59 20 – 39 10 – 19 under 10

Please enter:

3. City/State: _____ 4. Country: _____
5. Occupation: _____

OPTIONAL Information

If you are willing to help us gather further information on Electro-Sensitivity (ES), please provide the following:

NOTE: Your name, email and address **will NOT be shared** with any business, or other organization.

6. Your name: _____
7. E-mail and/or mailing address: _____

Please check your item/s of interest:

8. Yes, I am willing to provide further information regarding this Survey, if needed. _____
9. Yes, I am willing to participate in follow up studies with Safe Wireless Initiative. _____

Your Practitioner’s Contact Information

The Safe Wireless Initiative maintains a Clinician Database for research and referral purposes. Providing us with this information is very important to our goal of helping solve this serious problem. If you can, please provide us with contact information for any clinician you have seen about your condition so that we may contact him or her concerning our database and the results of this study. Inclusion of this data is optional.

10. Practitioner’s name/title: _____
11. Type of practitioner: _____
12. E-mail: _____ 13. Mailing Address: _____

We Want to Hear to Your Personal Story

14. If you have insights and personal experiences to share regarding Electro-Sensitivity (ES), please do so in your own words on the next page. If you believe you are ES, you may want to include further details on your symptoms, how you developed these symptoms, how ES has affected you, how you have adapted, treatments that are helpful and/or not helpful, challenges you face, and any additional details. Please use the following provided space, and any further space necessary, to elaborate and share your complete story. Inclusion of this data is optional.

By November 30, please email your completed survey to: **surveys@safewireless.org**

Thank you for your generous time and participation.

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*If necessary, use additional space to share your **complete, personal story** with us.
You are welcome to expand on additional pages or to use the blank back pages of this survey.
Please number your pages so we may accurately, and chronologically follow your experience.*

Thank you.

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