

Appendix 1 – Health & Smart Meter safety survey

High number of health complaints reported after installation of wireless Smart Meters (SDA 2011).

Excerpts from online survey* are given below:

The figures reflect whether individuals or members of their homes experienced health impacts (n = 318).

Sleep problems	49.1%
Stress, anxiety, irritability	43.1%
Headaches	40.9%
Ringings in the ears	38.1%
Concentration, memory or learning problems	34.6%
Fatigue, muscle or physical weakness	34.3%
Disorientation, dizziness, or balance problems	25.8%
Eye problems, including eye pain, pressure in the eyes, blurred vision	33.0%
Cardiac symptoms, heart palpitations, heart arrhythmias, chest pain	25.8%
Leg cramps, or neuropathy	19.2%
Arthritis, body pain, sharp, stabbing pains	18.2%
Nausea, flu-like symptoms	17.3%
Sinus problems, nose bleeds	14.5%
Respiratory problems, cough, asthma	13.8%
Skin rashes, facial flushing	12.6%
Urinary problems	8.8%
Endocrine disorders, thyroid problems, diabetes	8.8%
High blood pressure	7.2%
None of the above	8.8%
Other	30.5%
I don't know	24.8%

Meter type preferred

94.1% of respondents (n = 387) stated that they would prefer to retain or restore their original analogue meters, and 91.7% (n = 374) stated that they did not wish to pay more for such meters.

*The EMF Safety Network initiated that survey from 13th July to 2nd September 2011 to investigate to what extent there may be health and safety complaints related to wireless Smart Meters. The majority of respondents (78%) were from California and the survey results were analysed by consultant Dr. Ed Halteman from the firm Survey Design & Analysis (SDA 2011).

Reference

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