

**Lesson 15:** Are mobile phones bad for your health?

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## MOBILE MASTS ARE NOT KILLERS!

**Latest evidence suggests that mobile telephone masts are safe.**

A recent study by scientists has suggested that the masts for mobile telecommunications have a negligible effect on people.

The research team, led by Professor W. Atkins, collected data from a sample of more than three thousand people who live near to a mast. They found that the level of ill health in this group was no higher than that in the general population.

“We have found no increase in the level of health problems in people who live in close proximity to a Mobile Telecommunications Mast”, said Professor Atkins, “Our research suggests that these people are no more likely to develop health problems than those who live many miles away from a mast”.

The team also recorded levels of radiation emitted from the masts and found that in all cases the levels fell well below national and international guidelines.

This information may come as a blow for people like Mrs Jones who recently filed a claim against The Mobile Phone Company.

Mrs Jones said, “I still think the mast behind our house caused my Fred to get his headaches.”

“It doesn't matter that the radiation is low, it's still higher than it would be if the mast weren't there.”

It seems that the jury is still out on whether mobile phone masts do cause health problems, but in the meantime both sides will continue to fight their cause.



Professor Atkins at work in his laboratory.