

WHAT ARE ENDOCRINE DISRUPTING CHEMICALS?

We are all exposed to **Endocrine Disrupting Chemicals (EDCs)** in our daily lives. But what exactly are EDCs and why should we care?



How are EDCs affecting my health?

EDCs, also known as hormone disrupting chemicals, are artificial chemicals that interfere with the natural hormones in our bodies. They are very likely contributing to cancers, fertility problems, obesity, and many more serious health disorders.



How am I exposed to EDCs?

Almost everyone is exposed to EDCs every day, as they are used in a wide variety of products, end up as pesticide residues in our food, and get into the environment. Vulnerable groups, such as infants and pregnant women, are most affected by these chemicals!



What can I do against EDCs?

This health threat needs a big solution. It is time to tell decision-makers to say NO to hormone disrupting chemicals, in order to protect our health and those of future generations! Join us!



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How do we get to an EDC-Free future?

EDC Identification Criteria:

How to get EDCs properly identified?

- Use a reasonable, practical burden of proof - Do not require proof of harm already having occurred to humans or the environment.
- Keep it consistent - Stick with the same level of proof (known and presumed) and distinctions used for cancer-causing, DNA-changing, or reproduction-harming chemicals.
- Do not ignore the science - Use three categories so chemicals can be appropriately ranked according to the evidence.
- Play it fair - Ensure equal treatment of academic and internationally validated studies.

EDC Treatment:

How to reduce people's exposure to EDCs?

- Stick to the law - Give pesticide exemptions only when there is negligible exposure.
- Make the laws work - Apply the EU laws to actually reduce people's exposures and improve other laws to stop EDC use.

Our environment, health and the health of future generations will reap the benefits!

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Support our citizen's call for European leaders to reject the revised Commission criteria on endocrine disrupting chemicals (EDCs).

Sign the SumOfUs petition today to protect health and the environment. (Available in EN, ES, DE and FR).

<https://actions.sumofus.org/a/eu-endocrine-disruptors>