

# Do Environmental Chemicals Harm Humans?

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**The researchers also suggest six key recommendations to reduce the release of chemicals into the environment. These include:**

- All chemicals "of concern" in current use (especially those not safety tested) should be sorted into "categories of concern" according to hazard assessment; the most hazardous to be selected for further investigation
- Chemicals found in unexpected environmental compartments or at unexpected concentrations, or associated with unusual biological phenomena, should be investigated
- Where synthetic chemicals are found in raised concentrations in biological fluids such as breast milk and in tissues of humans, marine mammals, or top predators, regulatory steps should be taken to remove them from the market immediately

New legislation should prohibit marketing of any chemical for which basic environmental safety data is not registered