

THE NEED TO KNOW INITIATIVE: WOMEN'S HEALTH

a joint project of ECO-Action & Atlanta WAND

WHAT IS THE PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE ?

“When an activity raises threats of harm to human health or the environment, precautionary measures should be taken even if some cause and effect relationships are not fully established scientifically.”

THE THREE QUESTIONS TO ASK:

- ◇ *Can we prevent harm?*
- ◇ *Are there alternatives or has anyone looked?*
- ◇ *Do we know enough to act?*

Atlanta WAND & ECO-Action are partnering to take action to protect Women's Health by preventing exposure to harmful chemicals & radiation.

As non-profits, we have made a “public promise” to work for the common good.

Promoting Precautionary Action is fulfilling our Public Promise.



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WHAT YOU CAN DO TO TAKE ACTION

1 Home School Yourself:

You can begin your chemical exposure “action education” right at home.

Investigate the products you use every day, such as shampoos, detergents, and cleansers. Look for labels that warn, such as “harmful if swallowed,” or “seek medical attention if inhaled.” Seek alternatives.

**While it’s important to make good decisions for your family’s health,
YOU CAN’T STOP THERE!**

2 Share Information With Neighbors, Friends, Co-workers and Family:

When it comes to protecting our health, there is no such thing as “intellectual property.” We must share what we learn!

Environmental Exposures have also been implicated in the rise in Prostate and Testicular Cancers, Male and Female Reproductive Problems, Childhood Cancer, as well as, Learning and Behavioral Problems.

**Working to end the Breast Cancer Epidemic will help end all these related diseases.
IT IS TIME FOR ACTION!**

3 Work Collectively For Change:

ECO-Action & Atlanta WAND are partnering to take action to protect Women’s Health by preventing exposure to harmful Chemicals & Radiation.

- ◇ Host your own video screening and action circle
- ◇ Volunteer to work on a committee to promote precautionary action
- ◇ Call or write your government representatives to educate and encourage them to act
- ◇ Join a circle of donors to support the work financially.

**Educate, organize, and agitate for change:
LET’S TAKE IT TO THE STREETS!**

THE ENVIRONMENTAL LINK : BREAST CANCER & OTHER DISEASES

Breast Cancer Action

www.bcaction.org
www.thinkbeforeyoupink.org

State of the Evidence 2006

www.bcaction.com/PDF/StateofEvidence.pdf

Breast Cancer Fund

www.breastcancerfund.org

The Collaborative on Health and the Environment

www.cheforhealth.org

To order video:

Exposure: Environmental Links to Breast Cancer
www.whenvironments.ca/video1.html

THERE ARE ALTERNATIVES

Center for a New American Dream

(alternative consumer products)
www.newdream.org

Beyond Pesticides

www.beyondpesticides.org

Healthy Building Network (plastics)

www.healthybuilding.net/PVC

Cosmetics, Perfumes

www.nottoopretty.org

PRECAUTIONARY PRINCIPLE RESOURCES

Science and Environmental Health Network

www.sehn.org

The Precautionary Principle –A Primer

www.ntktrainings.com/open.htm

The Precaution Reporter

www.precaution.org

BE SAFE campaign

www.besafenet.com

Georgia School Checklist:

www.eco-act.org/environmentalChecklist.pdf

ECO-Action:

www.eco-act.org