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**NO
MORE
BREAST
CANCER**
TACKLING AN ENVIRONMENTAL DISEASE

WHY **ARE** MORE AND MORE OF US GETTING BREAST CANCER?

The No More Breast Cancer campaign wants the possible link between breast cancer and everyday exposure to toxic chemicals taken seriously.

Breast cancer cases have hit a new record, recently released official figures reveal.

Yet fewer than 50% of cases are attributed to acknowledged 'risk' factors – age, obesity, late-age pregnancy, late-onset menopause.

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The focus of the No More Breast Cancer campaign is on the possible link between breast cancer and everyday exposure to toxic chemicals.

In the UK, to date, government, industry and mainstream cancer organisations have refuted this possibility.

We argue that lifelong, low-level exposure to the cocktail of hundreds of toxics and hormone-disruptors in our everyday lives – from pesticide residues in food to chemicals in consumer products and in the workplace – is linked to ever-rising rates of the disease.

As part of this, we want the British government to mark a new approach by ensuring the substitution of all carcinogenic and hormone-disrupting

chemicals with safer alternatives, as soon as they are available, and we want the implementation and planned review of the new EU chemicals policy (REACH) to deliver this.

In the environment

100,000 man-made chemicals are polluting our environment. 500 man-made chemicals are thought to disrupt the hormones in the body and mimic the role of oestrogen – a hormone closely linked with the development of breast cancer.

In our bodies

At least 300 man-made chemicals have been found in human blood and body tissue. Cancer-causing substances and hormone-disrupting chemicals are included in this 'toxic burden'.

- Over 43,000 women and 300 men, are diagnosed with breast cancer every year.
- More than 12,300 women die every year from breast cancer.
- In women aged 35-54 years, breast cancer is the most common cause of all deaths, accounting for 17% of all deaths.
- Breast cancer is the most commonly diagnosed cancer in women under 35.
- The lifetime risk of being diagnosed with breast cancer in women is 1 in 9.

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