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# Brave New Medical World -2084

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Death has been banned and we will all live forever. Hurrah!

The medical profession has decreed that as long as we take all the necessary measures to avoid risk that we can live forever. Doctors through scientific research have established the major risk factors in life and the government is now seeking to tackle these under new legislation.

The most basic risk avoidance involves wearing a crash helmet at all times to avoid head injury. Suits developed by Michelin the French tire makers will need to also be worn to avoid possible damage from falls. Masks and sunblock will be worn outdoors and citizens will be banned from going outside during daylight hours to prevent UV sun damage.

Sport will be limited to "tidily winks" but visors must be worn to prevent eye damage. All trees will be cut down, bicycles, skateboards and hula-hoops banned. Exercise is very important and from now on will be done passively using electrode stimulation to the various muscles groups at nighttime.

Cars, planes, boats and trains all overtly dangerous should no longer be used. The activities of walking and running are currently the subject of ongoing research but should be limited to essential activities only. Mobile phones do cause cancer in bacteria research and can longer be used. The Internet with all the inherent risk from SPAM and chat rooms will be closed down. TV reduces activity in children and will longer be available.

Alcohol, which has been associated with many risk-taking behaviors, should not be consumed. Pubs and clubs will be shut for risk of passive smoking and the temptation to drink. Smoking (the greatest single evil known to humanity after sausages) will become a criminal offence. Sexual intercourse is now recognised to be inherently dangerous associated with emotional changes and infections should be ceased. Although not currently deemed criminal behavior it seems likely that laws will be passed in near future against the perpetrators of sexual activity. Those found taking cannabis, Ecstasy, cocaine and heroin will be regarded as insane and detained under the mental health act.

Dogs and cats will be removed from human areas for risk of allergic reactions. Prawns, eggs and peanuts control will be taken over the health and safety executive because of the extreme risk to health that they present. All mothers must exclusively breast feed until 15 years of age to prevent allergy.

Food will no longer become available because the dangers presented by salt, saturated fats, cheese, meat (BSE, EColi), coco pops, bananas, crisps and chocolate. Those citizens weak minded enough to become fat will be sectioned under new powers in the mental health act because of the extreme risk to health. A new soup containing a balance of vitamins and calories will now become the new staple. This has been scientifically developed to contain no flavor.

All citizens from birth must take the multi-pill (satin, beta-blocker, ace inhibitor, sulphonurea) - failure to comply will become a criminal offence.

Finally all work and school will be banned for fear of causing work-related stress and bullying. Alien abduction, however, remains a significant risk and all citizens must remain vigilant.

The two medically approved activities will be visiting the doctors to have your medical neurosis topped up and reading self-help books.

Risk and all its dangers is banished. Thank god for the work of doctors.