

## **Electromagnetic waves kept away from schools**

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Protect children from electromagnetic waves: this is the spirit of the amendment voted by the National Assembly on 19 March 2013, as part of the bill for the "rebuilding the schools of the Republic."

The amendment states that the implementation of the public service provided by digital educational text should be promoting connections "wired", that is to say with Ethernet rather than Wi-Fi.

MP environmentalists behind this amendment, wanted to "push the state and local governments to protect children, especially younger ones, from the influence of waves" in the name of precaution.

This is the first time in France that the precautionary principle will be implemented for children.

The question of the danger of electromagnetic waves is still debated. In 2011, the World Health Organization (WHO) has classified these waves potentially carcinogenic. But a report by the National Health Security (handles), published in 2009, he departed danger.

The debate today is rekindled by a study of the European Agency for the Environment, published in January 2013. In this work, the European authority recommends wider use of the "precautionary principle" for some technologies. She recalls in particular that calling while driving could increase the risk of brain cancer. When moving the phone from a base station to another, a large amount of harmful waves are captured and could favour the occurrence of tumours.

Though so far no causal link has been scientifically proven, according to the European Agency for the Environment, the signs should not be ignored. Reduce our exposure to electromagnetic waves has thus become a precautionary principle which can only be beneficial.