



# scary money

In case you weren't worried enough about BPA, the chemical has also turned up on cold hard cash

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these days because BPA is found in millions of plastic products, even drinking cups. Unfortunately, over the last few years, much-hyped studies have linked BPA to a host of potential health risks, including diabetes, heart disease and, of course, cancer.

The thing that always amuses me when such a story comes out is that so many people who react viscerally to the slight potential threat to them implied by these stories —

issued by “95 per cent of stores.” BPA can even, it seems, wash onto your hands from that holy of holies, the American dollar bill.

How did the WTC come to this alarming conclusion? From field trips to various American retailers in which volunteers tested both cash receipts and cash, finding BPA on nearly all the money and receipts that were handled — and not just in tiny amounts, but “very large quantities.”

But here's the part to

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“I will never drink from a plastic cup again” — are often very loathe to do anything at all about the much more obvious threats to their health posed by their sedentary lifestyles and poor diets.

After all, you are much, much more likely to get cancer from doing no exercise than from drinking daily from a BPA-made cup.

But if you do worry about BPA, and millions of you do, here's yet a new worry for you to take into account, and I do mean your account.

According to a group called the Washington Toxics Coalition (WTC), BPA can easily wipe onto your hands from the kind of receipts

make you really take notice. Apparently, BPA transferred very easily to the hands of the individuals who held the money and receipts for even short periods of time.

When I read that report, I realized instantly that what my old socialist friends have long insisted is actually true: cash can cause cancer! So, as a humanitarian gesture, I'm willing to help you reduce your risk of getting sick by taking all your cash off your hands.

And best of all, I won't even send you a receipt for the funds. ■

In this era where nearly every radio and TV news program takes a special delight in springing a new health scare on you every evening — “An 87-year-old man has died in Surrey and neighbours say he had a cat in his

house” — many of you have no doubt become terrified, or at least a tiny bit scared, by one of the latest trendy health concerns: the chemical BPA.

Like **Don Cherry** and **Sarah Palin**, it's something that you just can't avoid

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