

Environmental Risk Perception

The following are various hazards in the environment. This is not intended to measure what you know but rather your general feelings toward these potential hazards. Please read each statement carefully and indicate the response that most accurately reflects your opinion that the hazard exists for you by placing the appropriate number in the blank to the left of each statement.

- 6 for Very Likely
- 5 for Likely
- 4 for Somewhat Likely
- 3 for Somewhat Unlikely
- 2 for Unlikely
- 1 for Very Unlikely

- _____ 1. The likelihood there will not be enough energy to meet my daily living needs.
- _____ 2. The likelihood there will be no place to dispose of my garbage.
- _____ 3. The likelihood I will develop a viral or bacterial infection as a result of contaminated groundwater
- _____ 4. The likelihood I will develop skin cancer as a result of ozone depletion.
- _____ 5. The likelihood I will develop health problems as a result of aerial spraying of pesticides.
- _____ 6. The likelihood any future children I might have will be born with birth defects as a result of contaminated food or water.
- _____ 7. The likelihood I will develop cancer as a result of radioactivity in buildings, e.g. radon gases.
- _____ 8. The likelihood I will develop respiratory problems as a result of fumes or fibers from synthetic materials, e.g. asbestos, synthetic carpets, and plastics.
- _____ 9. The likelihood I will develop cancer as a result of pesticides used on food.
- _____ 10. The likelihood I will develop lung damage as a result of air pollution.
- _____ 11. The likelihood any future children I might have will develop brain damage as a result of lead in the drinking water.
- _____ 12. The likelihood I will develop nerve damage from the use of household aerosol sprays.
- _____ 13. The likelihood I will develop symptoms such as dizziness, coughing, and nausea from exposure to paints and household cleaners.
- _____ 14. The likelihood I will experience a water shortage resulting in limited use per household.
- _____ 15. The likelihood I will not be able to enjoy wildlife species such as North American ducks, because they disappear as a result of stress on the continent's wetlands.

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