

# SCIENCE vs. PERCEPTION

Below is a partial list of activities or technologies that are known to increase the average risk of premature death. Look over the list and rank these activities in terms of your perception of their risk ("1" being highest risk).

- \_\_\_\_\_ Motor vehicles
- \_\_\_\_\_ Smoking
- \_\_\_\_\_ Alcoholic beverages
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hand guns
- \_\_\_\_\_ Surgery
- \_\_\_\_\_ Motorcycles
- \_\_\_\_\_ X-rays
- \_\_\_\_\_ Pesticides
- \_\_\_\_\_ Electrical power
- \_\_\_\_\_ Swimming
- \_\_\_\_\_ Oral contraceptives
- \_\_\_\_\_ Private aviation
- \_\_\_\_\_ Heavy construction
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food preservatives
- \_\_\_\_\_ Bicycles
- \_\_\_\_\_ Aviation (commercial)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Police work
- \_\_\_\_\_ Firefighting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Railroads
- \_\_\_\_\_ Nuclear power
- \_\_\_\_\_ Food coloring
- \_\_\_\_\_ Home appliances
- \_\_\_\_\_ Hunting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Antibiotics
- \_\_\_\_\_ Vaccinations
- \_\_\_\_\_ Spray cans
- \_\_\_\_\_ High school football
- \_\_\_\_\_ Power mowers
- \_\_\_\_\_ Mountain climbing
- \_\_\_\_\_ Skiing