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LightingEurope Statement Regarding Perceived Risk Related to Blue Light in LED Lighting

On May 15, 2013 an article appeared in the Daily Mail under the title "Do 'environmentally friendly' LED lights cause blindness? The article went on to state that "LED lights can cause irreparable harm to the retina of the human eye."

LED lamps are safe to use for consumers if they comply fully with all European Union regulations and measures, which further ensure product safety. Exposure to such an LED lamp's light is as safe as being exposed to natural lighting conditions or any other artificial light source.

In fact, SCENIHR, a scientific report from the European Commission, confirms the statement in their report: Health effects of artificial lighting. The document is available on http://ec.europa.eu/health/scientific committees/emerging/docs/scenihr o 035.pdf

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