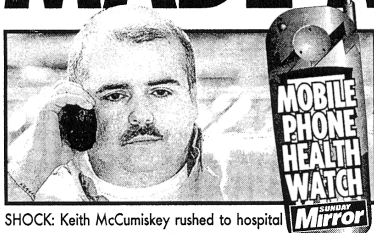




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BEWARE...HOW A MOBILE MADE MY FACE BLOW UP



SHOCK: Keith McCumiskey rushed to hospital

EXCLUSIVE by RUPERT HAMER

A BUSINESSMAN told last night how his face "blew up" after he spent hours on his new Internet mobile phone.

Keith McCumiskey rushed to hospital's casualty department after he woke up to find his eyes and the rest of his face painfully swollen.

The previous day the 40-year-old had spent four hours on a new generation WAP phone. The £100 phones can access the Internet, e-mails and faxes. Doctors were left

baffled by his condition but have not ruled out the possibility that the mobile could have sparked it off.

The incident comes just a week after the Sunday Mirror warned of the health dangers posed by new Internet phones.

Mr McCumiskey said: "I'd been on the phone for an hour or so when I felt this burning sensation on the right side of my face.

"In the morning, my face was swollen and my eyes were bulging out of their sockets.

"It literally blew up overnight. I felt terrible and the swelling was painful. I went down to casualty and they took a look and gave me some anti-swelling drugs.

"The doctor said he could not be sure whether or not the mobile had caused it.

"But I'm absolutely 100 per cent sure it was the phone. I've used ordinary mobile phones before and been fine.

Father-of-two Mr McCumiskey, of Dunoon, Argyll, later complained to the shop where he bought the BT Cellnet WAP phone, and it refunded his money.

A Government-commissioned independent report due on Thursday warns that WAP devices emit far higher doses of microwave radiation than ordinary mobiles. It will recommend WAP phones are modified to reduce radiation levels.

However, a spokesman for BT Cellnet last night insisted: "There is no evidence that mobile phones cause ill health. This man's illness may be unfortunate, but it has nothing to do with his Internet phone."

Mobile phones have already been linked to cancer, memory loss, multiple sclerosis and high blood pressure.

Around 26 million people in Britain now use mobiles.