

## How common is cancer;

- Cancer is the second leading cause of death in the United States. Nearly half of all men and a little over one third of all women in the United States will develop cancer during their lifetimes.
- In 1901 cancer was rare: 1 out of 8,000. Since the industrial revolution, the cancer rate today has risen to 1 in 3. Source; The American Cancer Society.
- 150 chemicals found in the home have been connected to allergies, birth defects, cancer and psychological disorders. Source; The consumer protection agency.
- The incidence of childhood cancer increased by 27.1% between 1975 and 2002 with the sharpest rise estimated for brain and other nervous system cancers (56% increase) and acute lymphocytic leukemia (68.7%)
- Cancer is now the no.2 killer of children – second only to accidental poisonings.
- Since 1977 the rate of cancer among American children has steadily risen at a rate of nearly 1% each year. Source; National cancer institute.
- Just 5 to 10% of all cancers are directly linked to inherited, genetic factors (ACS 2001)
- Breast cancer incidence rates in the United States increased by more than 40 percent between 1973 and 1998. In 2008, a woman's lifetime risk of breast cancer is one in eight. ***State of the Evidence 2008: The Connection Between Breast Cancer and the Environment***, Edited by Janet Gray, Ph.D., published by the Breast Cancer Fund