

# DEAR PHYSICIAN

THE WORLD HEALTH ORGANIZATION CLASSIFIED FIREFIGHTING AS A GROUP 1 CARCINOGEN.

**A**s a firefighter, I have a **14% greater risk of dying from cancer than civilians**. On the job, I may inhale, ingest, and absorb carcinogens from smoke, soot and fumes.

**Firefighters have an elevated risk for many cancers, including:**

- breast **45%\***
- colon **21%**
- esophagus **62%**
- kidney **27%**

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