

ENVIRONMENTAL POWER-FREQUENCY MAGNETIC FIELDS AND SUICIDE

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Abstract: We studied the relationship between power-frequency magnetic fields and locations of suicidal deaths in 1969-76 in the West Midlands, England. We found a significant correlation between suicide locations and the measured power-frequency magnetic field strength. Significantly more suicides occurred at locations of high magnetic field strength.