

Campylo*...- what?

Health risks in the view of the general public

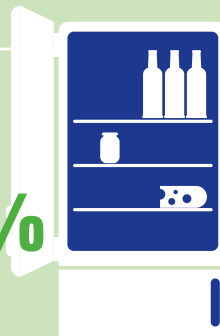


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Top 5 health risks

1. Smoking
2. Climate and environmental pollution
3. Alcohol
4. Unhealthy/wrong diet
5. Unhealthy/contaminated food

14%



Key word Kitchen Hygiene

Food hygiene in the home continues to be erroneously classed as being of no cause for concern by a majority of respondents. Only 14 % are concerned about it, as opposed to 37 % who are concerned about food hygiene in gastronomy.

Underlying method:

Each survey was conducted by means of computer-assisted telephone interviews of at least 1,000 German-speaking people aged 14 and over living in private households in Germany. The random sample is generated from land line and mobile telephone numbers. The principle is an omnibus survey.

Underlying sources:

Consumer Monitor surveys (issues 2014, June 2015, February 2016, February 2017, August 2017, February 2018)

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Safety of foods

Compared to the first BfR survey (2014: 71 %), food is still regarded as either safe or more safe than unsafe (2018: 81 %). 36 % of the respondents say that the safety of food is on the decline, however. Almost one person in two (45 %) says that its quality is suffering even more.

23%



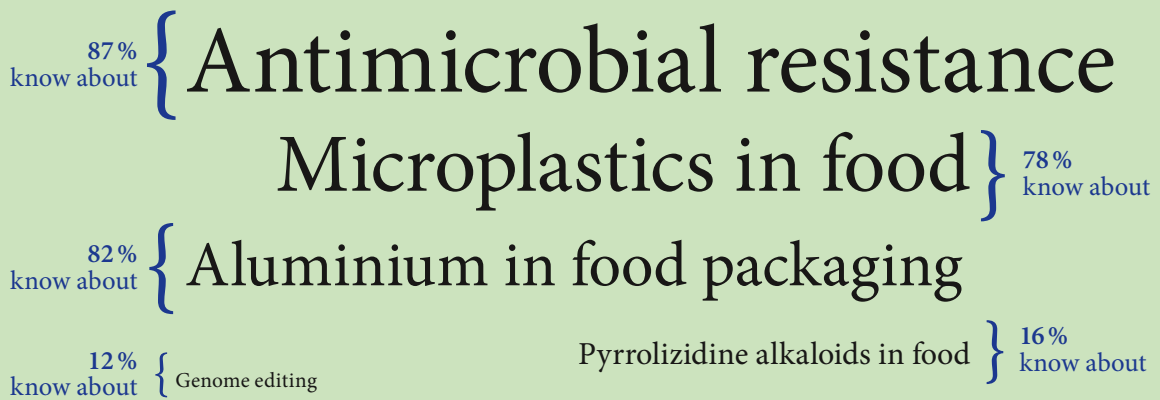
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Underestimated germs

**Campylobacter* are the most common bacterial cause of diarrhoea in Germany. Even though more than 70,000 *Campylobacter* infections are reported every year in Germany, the pathogen is still widely unknown among the general public. In 2018, only 23 % are aware of these germs and of the people who know these germs not quite the half is concerned about them. By way of comparison, almost everyone is aware of *Salmonella* (96 %), and every second person (46 %) is worried about them. There were 13,000 reported cases of *Salmonella* infections in 2016.

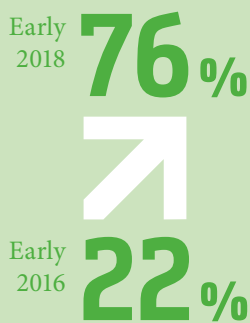
The BfR has been conducting regular representative consumer surveys on the perception of health risks by the general public since 2014. The results are published as the BfR Consumer Monitor. Here are the interim results regarding the consumer topics which the general public know about, fear and underestimate.

Known and unknown health topics



Glyphosate

has arrived in the awareness of the general public. At the beginning of 2016, only 22 % of respondents knew about this active substance contained in plant protection products; this figure has risen to 76 % in 2018.



Which consumer topics arouse concern?



Antimicrobial resistance



Residues of plant protection products in food



Genetically modified food

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