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Eating 539 pounds of asparagus every day for life is bad for your health.



# **WARNING** **JUNK SCIENCE AHEAD**

Sure, you'd have to eat 539 pounds of asparagus every day to be in any danger of developing cancer from acrylamide, but is an 182-pound daily allowance of French-fries any less ridiculous?

California Attorney General Bill Lockyer is suing nine food companies because the French fries and potato chips they sell contain **acrylamide**, a chemical that forms naturally when potatoes are cooked at high temperatures. But the best scientific data shows that a person of average weight would have to eat 182 pounds of fries or 62.5 pounds of potato chips—every day, for life—in order to have any added cancer risk.

**Acrylamide is also found in sautéed and roasted asparagus, spinach, and beets. You can also find it in olives, breads, coffee, tomato sauce, prune juice, breakfast cereal, and fruit preserves.** If Lockyer gets his way, meaningless cancer warning labels on all these foods may be just around the corner.

In August, FDA Commissioner Lester Crawford warned Bill Lockyer that needlessly scaring the public about nonexistent cancer risks in their food could be a violation of federal law. But Lockyer is doing it anyway—and for no good reason.

Cancer warnings should be reserved for risks that the public might actually encounter. For more information about the California Attorney General's Deep-Fried Junk Science, contact Andrew Porter at 202.463.7112 or visit [www.ConsumerFreedom.com](http://www.ConsumerFreedom.com).