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Cell Phone Use Causes Hearing Loss, Study Finds

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A disconcerting report, released this morning from researchers at the Post Graduate Institute of Medical Education and Research in Chandigarh, India, revealed that people who talk on a cell phone for more than an hour a day were found to have suffered [losses of high-frequency hearing](#). While that may not sound so bad, such hearing loss actually results in an inability to hear consonants like F and T, giving a whole new spin to the phrase "Can you hear me now?"

The team of researchers caution that "[their] intention is not to scare the public" and "there is as yet no cause for alarm." They also don't give any explanation of why a cell phone is any more dangerous for hearing than a traditional headset. But, if you're a heavy cell phone user and value your (or your children's) hearing, you might want to think about laying off the babbling a bit.

