# ['ha:mf(ə)l] a вредный, пагубный; опасный

harmful consequences - пагубные последствия harmful news - неприятные/тревожные/ новости harmful animal - вредное животное

#### harmful

harm-ful BrE ['ha mjl NAmE ['ha rmjl adjective (rather formal)

## causing damage or injury to sb/sth, especially to a person's health or to the environment

- the harmful effects of alcohol
- the sun's harmful ultra-violet rays
- · Many household products are potentially harmful.
- ~ to sb/sth Fruit juices can be harmful to children's teeth.

#### Derived Words <sup>†</sup>harmfully = <sup>†</sup>harmfulness

#### Thesaurus:

harmful [harmful harmfully harmfulness] adj. (formal)

• the harmful effects of alcohol

damaging · · negative · · bad · · ill · · destructive · |formal detrimental · · pernicious ·

#### **Opp:** harmless

harmful/damaging/detrimental/destructive **to** sb/sth harmful/damaging/bad **for** sb/sth

#### harmful/negative/damaging/bad/destructive/detrimental/pernicious effects

Harmful or damaging ? Harmful is used especially to talk about bad effects on the environment or sb's health. Damaging can also be used in this way, but is used most frequently about bad effects on sb's wealth or reputation.

#### Example Bank:

- A lot of these chemicals are potentially very harmful.
- Not all virus infections are necessarily harmful to vines.
- She actually considered fresh air harmful.
- The spraying could prove harmful to humans.
- These pesticides are environmentally harmful.
- These products are often positively harmful.
- · pesticides that are harmful to the environment
- Keep food chilled to prevent the spread of harmful bacteria.
- The harmful effects of alcohol are well established.
- The ozone layer filters out the sun's harmful ultraviolet rays.

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[Word Family: noun: <sup>↑</sup>harm, <sup>↑</sup>harmlessness; adjective: <sup>↑</sup>unharmed, <sup>↑</sup>harmful ≠ <sup>↑</sup>harmless; verb <sup>↑</sup>harm; adverb <sup>↑</sup>harmlessly] causing harm:

the harmful effects of smoking

#### harmful to

chemicals that are harmful to the environment

#### ••• THESAURUS

• harmful causing physical harm – used especially about things that cause harm to your health, the environment etc: Smoking is harmful to your health. | drugs with harmful side-effects

• be bad for somebody/something to have a harmful effect on someone or something. This phrase is very commonly used in everyday English when saying that something is harmful: Everyone knows that too much alcohol is bad for you.

• damaging used about things that cause permanent physical harm, or that have a bad effect in other ways, for example on people's opinion of someone: Acid rain has a damaging effect on trees and the soil. | The allegations were very damaging to his career. | Constant criticism is damaging to a child's self-esteem.

• detrimental *formal* causing harm or having a bad effect on something: Employers are worried that the new laws will have a detrimental effect on their business. | chemicals that are detrimental to the environment | policies that have been detrimental to the interests of old people

• negative a negative effect is one that is bad and causes problems: The car tax had a negative effect on car sales. | the negative impact of the recession in the US

• hazardous hazardous substances are likely to be dangerous to people's health and safety: Hazardous waste needs to be disposed of safely. | hazardous chemicals

• toxic toxic substances, smoke etc are poisonous: toxic waste | toxic fumes | Toxic chemicals spilled into the river.

• pernicious /pə'nɪʃəs \$ pər-/ formal used about something that has a gradual bad effect which is not easy to notice, especially on people's morals, or on their health: the pernicious effects of violent video games | the pernicious effect of secondhand smoke

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