## If Your Internet Is Bad You Will Feel Bad

Hate slow internet? Well, you should. It could be shortening your life.

Ericsson Consumer Lab did a sure-to-be-completely-scientifically-legit study that suggests that slow internet can literally drive you crazy. Well, not crazy, but it will drive your heart rate up.

Web page loading delays led to an average of 38 percent heart rate increase. Video stream delays caused stress levels to increase by a third. It's easy to imagine that if you were really on edge, as many people are in our fast-paced modern world, this could *literally kill you*. Killed by bad internet. Damn. That's a bad look for your tombstone.



The study looked at participants' "brain activity, eye movements and pulse while completing tasks such as browsing

web pages and watching video clips." Sadly, there was no mention of what *sort* of video clips participants were watching, because, as anyone can tell you, <u>some</u> online videos are <u>much more pulse-pounding</u> than <u>others</u>.

"To put (the results) in context, the stress incurred is equivalent to the anxiety of taking a maths test or watching a horror film alone, and greater than the stress experienced by standing at the edge of a virtual cliff," the report said.

Dear. God.

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It might save your life.

\*At some indeterminate point in the future. Maybe.

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