Microchips In Employees? Wisconsin Company To Implant RFID Chips In Workers, Denies GPS To Privacy Skeptics

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Appalled employees at a giant Wisconsin food company say they've been forced to sign a document that mandates being implanted in humans as part of a unique chipping effort. (Supposedly.)

Regrettably, if I were an employee at the company that wants to implant a unique chipping effort, I would now be wearing a chip in my arm in order to prove to my employer that I have actually signed the document above.

Privacy activist Max Riemer is in a spin over the news about a Wisconsin company requiring employees to sign a ‘voluntary’ chipping document that mandates being implanted in humans as part of a unique chipping effort. (Supposedly.)

Riemer is looking at the news through a training exercise looking at the future of a world with the internet of things and what it means for employees.

"I thought I was shocked when I heard the news that some companies are already using the chips in their workers without consent," Riemer said. "I'm even more concerned about the implications for our privacy rights as this technology becomes more widespread."

"I'm concerned that this is just the beginning of a trend where companies will start to require their employees to be chipped in order to do their jobs."

Bradley Birenbaum

"I think it's important to note that while this may seem like a science fiction scenario, there are real concerns about the implications for privacy and autonomy."

The proposed chipping system is not yet implemented, and it remains unclear how it will be enforced or monitored. Riemer expressed concern about the potential for abuse and how it could be used to track employees without their consent.

"This is a serious issue, and it's important that we take it seriously," Riemer said. "We need to have a conversation about the ethics of this technology and what it means for our privacy rights."