A hairdryer device kills head lice

Head lice infestations are a continuing problem for parents and children. If you want to eliminate lice and nits and don't want to use chemical pesticide, a hairdryer-type device designed by a team of Americana scientists may be the solution.

The hairdryer, called LouseBuster, works with a faster airflow than a conventional one. It has a nozzle that is held close to the scalp and destroys the parasites by drying them. Used on children for 30 minutes, lice will be eradicated, eliminating infestations by preventing reproduction.

Head lice have evolved resistance to many of the currently used pediculicides. For this reason, the new hairdryer could be an effective, safe treatment and one to which lice are unlikely to evolve resistance. LouseBuster should be on the market within the next two years.

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