Air Pollution & You

Air pollution can worsen asthma symptoms including coughing, wheezing and breathlessness. The actions below can help:



Use quieter roads and paths to keep away from heavy polluting traffic.

Encourage your whole family to walk, cycle and scoot more - air pollution can be higher inside a car than outside.

Sign up at AirText.info to get air pollution alerts sent to your phone.

If you do need to use a car, ask the driver to turn the engine off when the car isn't moving.

Use fragrance free and lowchemical cleaning products. Stop air pollution collecting in your home by using extractor fans and opening windows away from busy roads.

For more information on how air pollution can affect your health, and how to reduce your exposure, visit www.cleanairhub.org.uk/tower-hamlets

My air pollution plan:

Plan out the actions that you and your family can take to reduce the impact of air pollution on your health	On all days	On high pollution days
I will use my inhaler as recommended by my GP or asthma nurse		
I will treat air pollution the same way I treat other asthma triggers		
We will walk, cycle or scoot to school		
We will look up quieter routes to avoid roads with heavy traffic		
We will turn on the extractor fan when cooking		
We will swap our cleaning products to low chemical options		
We will open the window when cooking		
We will open the windows when cleaning		
We will always turn the engine off when our car is stationary		
If we paint, we will check it is labelled "low VOC"		
We will leave the car at home when we can		
We will ask people not to smoke in our home		

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